

1. TASK NUMBER 960806CCC5448		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8021		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
3. OFFICE CODE 860	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 94 06 06	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 96 09 03			
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT  The victim, a three year old male, is suspected of playing with a non-child proof cigarette lighter. The victim apparently ignited a sofa in the living room of an apartment and a fire erupted. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene and the official cause of death was smoke inhalation and burns. A 16 year old baby sitter in the apartment received burns to the face and hair.  <i>Inhalation Site</i>					
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Apartment 10		8. CITY Chouteau		9. STATE OK	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Cigarette Lighter 1604		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME [REDACTED]		10C. MODEL NUMBER [REDACTED]	
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS [REDACTED]					
11A. SECOND PRODUCT Sofa 0679		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Unknown		11C. MODEL NUMBER Unknown	
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS Unknown					
12. AGE OF VICTIM 003	13. SEX 1 Male	14. DISPOSITION 8 DOA		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS 65 Smoke inhalation Anoxia	
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED 85 All parts	17. RESPONDENT 3 Attorney	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION 3		19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 10.00	
20. ATTACHMENT (S) Multiple 9	21. CASE SOURCE 11 Law Firm		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER None		
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY) No					
24. REVIEW DATE 960920	25. REVIEWED BY 8257		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR		
27. DISTRIBUTION O:EHDS CC: DSO CCA					

mom  
baby - 70 sister  
dad

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Information in this report was obtained from the attorney for the victim's family. The respondent was the attorney.

**PRE-INCIDENT**

The victim in this incident was a three year old male. The respondent described the victim as a normal and healthy child who was not under the influence of any medications. The victim was 106 cm long and weighed 22 pounds at the time of his death. No other information was available on the victim at this time.

The victim lived in a one level residential apartment building which included three other apartments. The apartment building was a brick veneer with a wood frame. The roof was composition and the floor was a concrete slab.

On 6/6/96, the victim's mother left the apartment at approximately 6:00 - 6:30am for work. The victim was left in the apartment along with a 16 year old babysitter. The babysitter was the ~~aunt of the victim~~ and the sister of the aunt. There was no one else at the apartment at this time.

The exact actions of the victim at this time is unknown. The babysitter was sleeping in one of the bedrooms of the apartment and the victim was thought to be asleep when the mother left for work. The mother did not wake up the babysitter when she left for work. It is known the victim had been sleeping with his mother before she got up and went to work.

**INCIDENT**

On 6/6/96, at approximately 0930 hours, the babysitter was awakened by a smoke alarm in the apartment. She jumped out of bed and went into the living room of the apartment where she found a sofa on fire. She tried to put the fire out with a throw pillow, but apparently was unsuccessful. The babysitter did not see the victim at this time. The babysitter's next action was she apparently ran outside of the apartment.

**POST-INCIDENT**

A neighbor of the victim heard the babysitter outside her apartment yelling there was a fire. The neighbor called the fire department who responded to the scene. The local police department also responded to the scene.

When local officials arrived on the scene they observed flames shooting out of the front door and the front windows of the apartment. They were told a small child was still inside the apartment; however, immediate attempts to go inside the apartment and find victim were unsuccessful.

Once the fire department personnel were able to enter the apartment they found the victim lying at the entrance of the hallway directly behind a chair. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The body of the victim was examined by a Medical Examiner at a nearby hospital and the cause of death was listed as smoke inhalation. The victim has burns over 98% of his body. An autopsy was not performed.

The babysitter was taken to a nearby hospital where she was apparently treated for burns to her face.

A subsequent investigation by the State Fire Marshals Office revealed the fire was ruled accidental. The origin of the fire was determined to be in the living room and ignition was on the west end of a sofa. It is suspected the victim had been playing with a cigarette lighter and had apparently ignited the sofa with the lighter. The cigarette lighter was found underneath the mother's bed. The victim's father gave statements to the Fire Marshal that the victim had been caught playing with a cigarette lighter before.

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

The cigarette lighter taken from the apartment fire is presently in the hands of the attorney for the victim's family. This lighter was photographed during a visit to the attorney's office. (See attached photographs) The pink disposable lighter is non child-proof and does not have child-resistant features. The word [REDACTED] is engraved on the metal hood and on the bottom of the lighter was the marking [REDACTED]. The attorney feels the lighter is one of the lighters that was recalled by [REDACTED]. See attached Press Release #96-04 that was released on 11/17/96/.

It has not been determined where the lighter was purchased or when. According to the attorney nobody in the apartment smoked and where the lighter came from is unknown at this time. It has also not been determined why the lighter was in the apartment and what it was being used for.

The cigarette lighter is being sent to an independent firm who will test the lighter for flare-ups etc. A copy of these test results will be made available when completed.

Information on the sofa involved in this fire was not available. Photographs of the fire scene were provided by the attorney and are attached with this report. There are several photographs of the sofa that was suspected of being ignited by the victim with a cigarette lighter.

No other product information was available at this time.

#### **STANDARDS INFORMATION**

There is a UFAC Voluntary Guideline which addresses cigarette ignition of upholstered furniture.

There is a new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant which went into effect in July of 1994.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Fire Department Report
2. Police Department Report
3. State Fire Marshals Report
4. Medical Examiner Report
5. Photographs provided by attorney
6. Photographs of lighter
7. Data Recording Sheet
8. Press Release 96-024
9. Assignment

SFNT BY:

5-14-96 ; 3:55PM ;

OKLA STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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OKLAHOMA STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
4030 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 100  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

FILE NO. 194-306 \*\*

COUNTY MAYES

ATTACHMENT# 1 INJURY - FATALITY 1

4055249610

FIRE INVESTIGATION CAUSE & ORIGIN REPORT LIGHTER

CITY/TOWN	CHAUTEAU	ADDRESS/LOCATION	210 N 1st ST
DATE OF FIRE:	6-6-94	TIME OF FIRE:	9:30am
DATE OF REQUEST:	6-6-94	TIME OF REQUEST:	10:15am
AGENT ASSIGNED:	PINSON	DATE ASSIGNED:	6-6-94
REQUESTED BY:	FC JACK RHODES	TELEPHONE NO.:	918-476-5225
RESPONSE DATE:	6-6-94		

OWNER:	TENANT:
SSN:	DOB:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
CITY: ENOLA, OK 74036	CITY: CHAUTEAU
TELEPHONE:	TELEPHONE:

PROPERTY	D/B/A	WEATHER (IF KNOWN)
VACANT ( ) Apartment (X) Mercantile ( ) Assembly ( ) Truck ( ) Grass ( )		Day (X) Winds
Dwelling ( ) Motel/Hotel ( ) Educational ( ) Industrial ( ) Hy Equip ( ) Forest ( )		Night ( ) Dir.
Mobile Home ( ) Business ( ) Institutional ( ) Farm/Agric ( ) Vehicle ( ) Other ( )		Temp 82°F MPH

CONSTRUCTION TYPE	FLOORS	ROOF	SMOKE DETECTORS	Yes	No	UNK
Residential (X) Wood Frame (X) Ordinary ( )	Concrete (X)	Comp/Wood (X)	Installed	X		
Commercial ( ) Steel/Metal ( ) Masonry ( )	Wood ( )	Metal ( )	Operable	X		
Square Ft. Fire Resistive ( ) Brick Veneer (X)		Tile ( )	Good Locations	X		

Yes	No	FURNISHINGS	NORMAL	Yes	No	INVESTIGATIVE ACTION	Yes	No
X		Kitchen	Office	X		Photos Taken		X
X		Bedroom/Bath	Garage	X		Scene Sketch		X
X		Living Room/ Den	Out Building		X	Samples Taken		X
						Arrest Made		
						Arrest Warrant		
						Charges Filed		

FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	Good	Poor	FIRE RELATED INJURIES — OR — FATALITIES
Responded	Yes		Name: SHAWN M STEEDUM
Water Available	X		Sex: M
Utilities ON-OFF	ON		DOB: 12 22 90
Road Condition	X		SSN:
			Race: W

ORIGIN	CAUSE
Living Room, Couch Area	Accidental

COMMENTS
Appears child could have been playing with a lighter.

CASE STATUS	OPEN	INVESTIGATION CONTINUED	OPEN INACTIVE	PENDING ACTIVE	ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSED	CLOSED	DATE
					X		6-6-94

INSURANCE INFORMATION
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COPIES TO:	DATE	APPROVED
FC JACK RHODES Box 275 CHAUTEAU, OK 74337	6-15	HR
State Fire Marshal - P.O. Box 55505 Tulsa, OK 74155	6-15	HR
Shaw and Associates 6116 NW 63rd OKC	6-21	HR
Full Copy - Attorney - Property Manager	6-28	HR

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PRODUCT: CIB CASE NUMBER LIGHTER

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# OKLAHOMA

## UNIFORM INCIDENT/OFFENSE REPORT

- INITIAL RPT. ( ) OFFICER SAFETY
- MODIFY RPT. ( ) OFFICER ASSAULT
- DELETE RPT.

ROUTING:

ADMINISTRATIVE

- CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY
- DEATH OF OFFENDER
- PROSECUTION DECLINED
- EXTRADITION DENIED
- VICTIM REFUSED TO COOPERATE
- JUVENILE/NO CUSTODY
- NOT CLEARED EXCEPTIONAL

EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE DATE

AGENCY NAME CHOUTEAU POLICE DEPT OR# OK0490100

MONTH DAY YEAR DOW HOUR MONTH DAY YEAR DOW HOUR MONTH DAY YEAR DOW HOUR

TYPE OF REPORT  PERSONS  VEHICLE  JUVENILE  ARSON-LOSS \$

PROPERTY  ARREST  CHILD ABUSE  C-COMPUTER USED

INFORMATION  PHONE REPORT  DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  OTHER  D-DRUG RELATED

A-ALCOHOL RELATED

VICTIM

NO. 1 VICTIM (MIDDLE) [REDACTED] FACE/ETHNICITY [REDACTED] SEX M DOB 12-28-91 AGE 3 HGT [REDACTED] WGT [REDACTED] HAIR [REDACTED] EYES [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED] APARTMENT CITY CHOUTEAU STATE OK ZIP 74337 RES STATUS N PHONE [REDACTED]

BUS. ADDRESS [REDACTED] CITY [REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] ZIP [REDACTED] BUS PHONE [REDACTED]

DR. LIC.# [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] TYPE OF VICTIM  INDIVIDUAL  BUSINESS  FINANCIAL INSTITUTION  GOVERNMENT  RELIGIOUS ORG.  SOCIETY/PUBLIC  OTHER  UNKNOWN

TYPE OF INJURY CHECK UP TO 5 OF THE FOLLOWING TYPE OF INJURY

- KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION
- FORCIBLE RAPE
- FORCIBLE SODOMY
- SEXUAL ASSAULT, WITH AN OBJECT
- FORCIBLE FONDLING
- ROBBERY
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
- SIMPLE ASSAULT
- EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL
- N - NONE
- B - APPARENT BROKEN BONES
- I - POSSIBLE INTERNAL INJURY
- L - SEVERE LACERATIONS
- M - APPARENT MINOR INJURY
- O - OTHER MAJOR INJURY
- T - LOSS OF TEETH
- U - UNCONSCIOUSNESS

OFFENDER KNOWN TO VICTIM YES NO RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER # CODE # VICTIM OF OFFENSE # 1 OSBI # FBI #

OFFENSE

OFFENSE #1 CLASSIFICATION APT. FIRE "FATALITY" IBR CODE 90Z ATTEMPT COMP ADDRESS/LOCATION OF OFFENSE [REDACTED] GEO LOCATION RESIDENTIAL

PREMISE TYPE NAME APT. COMPLEX IBR CODE 20 HATE, BIAS YES NO CODE [REDACTED] APPLIES TO BREAKING & ENTERING ONLY [ ] FORCIBLE [ ] NO FORCE NUMBER OF PREMISES ENTERED [ ]

OFFENSE # CLASSIFICATION IBR CODE ATTEMPT COMP ADDRESS/LOCATION OF OFFENSE GEO LOCATION

PREMISE TYPE NAME IBR CODE HATE, BIAS YES NO CODE APPLIES TO BREAKING & ENTERING ONLY [ ] FORCIBLE [ ] NO FORCE NUMBER OF PREMISES ENTERED [ ]

TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ENTER UP TO 3 FOR EACH OFFENSE INDICATE TYPE BY LETTER

- COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY
- STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES
- DRUGS/NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS
- DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS
- GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS
- PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL
- WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS
- B - BUYING/RECEIVING
- C - CULTIVATING/MANUFACTURING/PUBLISHING
- D - DISTRIBUTING/SELLING
- E - EXPLOITING CHILDREN
- O - OPERATING/PROMOTING/ASSISTING
- P - POSSESSING/CONCEALING
- T - TRANSPORTING/TRANSMITTING/IMPORTING
- U - USING/CONSUMING

TYPE WEAPON/FORCE INVOLVED ENTER UP TO 3 FOR EACH OFFENSE INDICATE WEAPON/FORCE BY NUMBER

- MURDER & NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER
- NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER
- KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION
- FORCIBLE RAPE
- FORCIBLE SODOMY
- SEXUAL ASSAULT, WITH AN OBJECT
- FORCIBLE FONDLING
- ROBBERY
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
- SIMPLE ASSAULT
- EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL
- WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS
- 11 - FIREARM
- 12 - HANDGUN
- 13 - RIFLE
- 14 - SHOTGUN
- 15 - OTHER FIREARM
- 20 - KNIFE/CUTTING INSTRUMENT
- 30 - BLUNT OBJECT
- 35 - MOTOR VEHICLE
- 40 - PERSONAL WEAPONS
- 50 - POISON
- 60 - EXPLOSIVES
- 65 - FIRE/INCENDIARY DEVICE
- 70 - DRUGS/NARCOTICS
- A
- A
- A
- A
- A
- A
- A
- 90 - OTHER
- 95 - UNKNOWN
- 99 - NONE

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO FALSIFY REPORT A CRIME. WILL YOU PROSECUTE: (Y/N) REPORTING OFFICER ID # REVIEWED BY ID #

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CASE NO.

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AGENCY NAME <b>CHAITEAU POLICE DEPT.</b>	ORI# <b>0K0490100</b>	CASE NUMBER <b>94-062</b>
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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/HOMICIDE CIRCUMSTANCES (APPLIES TO UCR DEFINITION ONLY) FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT MURDER/NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER CHOOSE UP TO 2 _____		NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER CHOOSE 1 _____	ADDITIONAL HOMICIDE CHOOSE 1 _____
01 ARGUMENT 02 ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 03 DRUG DEALING 04 GANGLAND 05 JUVENILE GANG 06 LOVER'S QUARREL	07 MERCY KILLING 08 OTHER FELONY INVOLVED 09 OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES 10 UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES	30 CHILD PLAYING WITH GUN 31 GUN-CLEANING ACCIDENT 32 HUNTING ACCIDENT 33 OTHER NEGLIGENT WEAPON HANDLING 34 OTHER NEGLIGENT KILLINGS ADDITIONAL HOMICIDE CHOOSE 1 _____ 20 CRIMINAL KILLED BY PRIVATE CITIZEN 21 CRIMINAL KILLED BY POLICE OFFICER	A CRIMINAL ATTACKED POOL/OFFICER KILLED CRIMINAL B CRIMINAL ATTACKED POOL/OFFICER KILLED CRIMINAL C CRIMINAL ATTACKED A CIVILIAN D CRIMINAL ATTEMPTED FLIGHT FROM A CRIME E CRIMINAL KILLED IN COMMISSION OF A CRIME F CRIMINAL RESISTED ARREST G UNABLE TO DETERMINE/NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION

<b>SUSPECT / OFFENDER</b>	NO.	CODES: A - ARREST S - SUSPECT I - INSTITUTIONAL X - OTHER: R - RUNAWAY M - MISSING (MENTAL DETOX)	
	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RACE/ETHNICITY W B I A N H
	ALIAS NAME	IDENTIFIERS	MARITAL STATUS
	STREET ADDRESS		CITY STATE ZIP PHONE
	EMPLOYMENT / OCCUPATION / SCHOOL	BUSINESS PHONE	GANG/TRIBE/AFFIL. SSN DL # / STATE
	BOOKED / WHERE	BOOKING #	UCR ARREST OFFENSE CODE
	ARREST DATE	LOCATION OF ARREST	TYPE OF ARREST O S T
	FINGERPRINT CARD #	CITED Y N	CITATION/WARRANT NO (S) BAIL LOCAL ID # WEAPON CODE
	JUV. PARENT / GDN. NOTIFIED Y N	NAME / RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON NOTIFIED	
		DATE / TIME NOTIFIED	NOTIFIED BY DISP JUV. H. R.

<b>VEHICLE</b>	TYPE VEHICLE	1 - VICTIMS 2 - THEFT FROM	3 - SUSPECT 4 - VANDALISM	5 - RECOVERED 6 - SEIZED	7 - STOLEN 8 - IMPOUNDED	9 - OTHER
	TYPE	TAG NO.	STATE	YEAR	V.I.N.	DISTINGUISHING MARKS
	VEH. YR.	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	COLOR	EST VALUE
	IMPOUNDED BY	DATE RECOVERED	RECOVERED VALUE	RECOVERING AGENCY ORI#		

<b>WITNESS/ RPT PERSON</b>	CODE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RACE/ETHNICITY W B I A N H	SEX	DOB	AGE	HGT	WGT	HAIR	EYES
	ADDRESS/LOCATION			CITY / STATE			ZIP		PHONE		
	EMPLOYER		ADDRESS		CITY / STATE		ZIP		PHONE		
	DR. LIC. #	SSN	OSBI # FBI #	MARITAL STATUS	RES. STATUS	R N					

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	AT 0930 HRS 06-06-94 DISPATCH RECEIVED PHONE CALL OF AN APT. FIRE AT [REDACTED] APARTMENT COMPLEX ON [REDACTED] WAS A [REDACTED] FIRE DEPT. WAS THEN DISPATCHED TO FIRE. UPON R.O. ARRIVAL OFFICER OBSERVED FLAMES SHOOTING OUT DOOR (FRONT) AND FRONT WINDOWS OF APT. [REDACTED] BY STANDERS WERE YELLING THERE'S A BABY INSIDE. FIREMEN MADE ATTEMPTS TO GO INSIDE APT. BUT FAILED. R.O. SPOKE WITH BABYSITER ([REDACTED]) BRIEFLY. BABYSITER WAS HYSTERICAL AND NEEDED MEDICAL ATTENTION. BABYSITER DID ADVISE THAT SHE HAD BEEN ASLEEP, WAKE UP, APT WAS FULLY IN FLAMES. DECEASED WAS LOCATED AT ENTRANCE OF HALLWAY DIRECTLY BEHIND A CHAIR OR RECLINER. DECEASED WAS LOCATED BY FIRE		
	REPORTING OFFICER <i>Shum</i>	ID # <i>#4</i>	REVIEWED BY
	DATE OF REPORT <i>06-06-94</i>		



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VICTIM SUPPLEMENT

AGENCY NAME <b>Police DEPT</b>	ORI # <b>OKR 90100</b>	CASE NUMBER <b>94-062</b>
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VICTIM LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE <b>BENDURE, Amy</b>	RACE/ETHNICITY <b>(W) B I A (N) H</b>	SEX <b>F</b>	DOB <b>11-7-77</b>	AGE <b>16</b>	HGT	WGT	HAIR <b>Red</b>	EYES
ADDRESS	CITY <b>CHOUTEAU</b>	STATE <b>OK</b>	ZIP <b>74337</b>	RES STATUS	R PHONE			
BUS. ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	BUS PHONE				
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REPORTING OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i> #4	ID #	DATE OF REPORT <b>06-06-94</b>
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OKLAHOMA STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
4030 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 100  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

FILE NO. 194-306 \*\*  
COUNTY MAYES  
INJURY - FATALITY 1

TASK # 960824 5448  
ATTACHMENT # 3

BY *[Signature]*

FIRE INVESTIGATION CAUSE & ORIGIN REPORT

CITY/TOWN CHOUTEAU ADDRESS/LOCATION 210 N 1ST ST  
 DATE OF FIRE: 6-6-94 TIME OF FIRE: 9:30am REQUESTED BY: FC JACK RHODES  
 DATE OF REQUEST: 6-6-94 TIME OF REQUEST: 10:15am TELEPHONE NO. 918-476-5225  
 AGENT ASSIGNED: PINSON DATE ASSIGNED: 6-6-94 RESPONSE DATE: 6-6-94

OWNER: <i>[Redacted]</i>	TENANT: <i>[Redacted]</i>
SSN: <i>[Redacted]</i> DOB: <i>[Redacted]</i>	SSN: <i>[Redacted]</i> DOB: <u>6-10-68</u>
ADDRESS: <i>[Redacted]</i>	ADDRESS: <i>[Redacted]</i>
CITY: <i>[Redacted]</i>	CITY: <u>CHOUTEAU</u>
TELEPHONE: <i>[Redacted]</i>	TELEPHONE: <i>[Redacted]</i>

PROPERTY	D/B/A	WEATHER (If Known)							
VACANT ( )	Apartment (X)	Mercantile ( )	Assembly ( )	Truck ( )	Grass ( )	Day (X)	Winds		
Dwelling ( )	Motel/Hotel ( )	Educational ( )	Industrial ( )	By Equip ( )	Forest ( )	Night ( )	Dir.		
Mobile Home ( )	Business ( )	Institutional ( )	Farm/Agric ( )	Vehicle ( )	Other ( )	Temp <u>80</u> °F	MPH		
CONSTRUCTION TYPE		FLOORS	ROOF	SMOKE DETECTORS		Yes	No	Unk	
Residential (X)	Wood Frame (X)	Ordinary ( )	Concrete (X)	Comp/Wood (X)	Installed	X			
Commercial ( )	Steel/Metal ( )	Masonry ( )	Wood ( )	Metal ( )	Operable	X			
Square Ft	Fire Resistive ( )	Brick Veneer (X)		Tile ( )	Good Locations	X			
Yes	No	FURNISHINGS	NORMAL	Yes	No	INVESTIGATIVE ACTION		Yes	No
X		Kitchen	Office		X	Photos Taken	Arrest Made		X
X		Bedroom/Bath	Garage	X	X	Scene Sketch	Arrest Warrant		X
X		Living Room/ Den	Out Building		X	Samples Taken <u>1</u>	Charges Filed		X

FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION		Good	Poor	FIRE RELATED INJURIES — OR — FATALITIES	
Responded <u>YES</u>	Water Available <u>X</u>			Name: <u>SHAWN M STEDDUM</u>	Sex <u>M</u>
Utilities <u>ON</u> -- OFF	Road Condition <u>X</u>			DOB: <u>12 28 90</u>	SSN: <u>          </u>
					Race <u>W</u>

ORIGIN	CAUSE
<u>Living Room, Couch Area</u>	<u>Accidental</u>

COMMENTS  
APPEARS Child could have been playing with A Lighter.

CASE STATUS	OPEN	INVESTIGATION CONTINUED	OPEN INACTIVE	PENDING ACTIVE	ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSED	CLOSED	DATE
					X		<u>6-6-94</u>

INSURANCE INFORMATION

COPIES TO:	DATE	APPROVED
<u>FC JACK RHODES Box 275 CHOUTEAU, OK 74337</u>	<u>6-15</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>State Farm Insurance - P.O. Box 55505, Tulsa, OK 74155</u>	<u>6-15</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

DATE: 6-12-94 AGENT: [Signature]



FILE NUMBER 194-306

# OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL REQUEST FORM

INVESTIGATION ✓ INSPECTION \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

City CHOUTEAU F.D.I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_ County MAYES

Street Location \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by JACK RHODES Phone: AC (918) 476-5225

Requesting Agency FD

Date of Fire 6-6-94 Time of Fire 9:30  AM  PM

Date of Request 6-6-94 Time of Request 10:15  AM  PM

Property Description \_\_\_\_\_ APARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: AC \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code 74036

Tenant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: AC ( )

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: AC ( )

Insurance Adjustor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: AC ( )

REMARKS:  
1 - FAT

AGENT ASSIGNED DINSON DATE ASSIGNED 6-6-94

2:45 P.M.

06-06-94

C.P.D.

W.

6-10-68

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BEEN SEPARATED SINCE 1ST OF MAY 94

ADVISED HE AND HIS WIFE HAS VISITS 2-3 TIMES A WEEK

WAS AT APT, 2ND OR 3RD OF JUNE WOULD BE IN AFTERNOON AROUND 3:PM

NO DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS AT THIS TIME

REASON FOR SEPARATION

ADV. JUST NOT GETTING ALONG.

ADV. (SISTER-IN-LAW) BABY SITS 3-4 DAYS A WEEK. (THE OLDEST CHILD)

GRANDMOTHER m BABYSITS BABY.

ADVISES VERY GOOD. BABYSITTER.

ADVISES HAVING TROUBLE WITH GAS PLUMBING AND HAD NOTIFIED APT. MGR.

DEVELOPMENT IN INDOOR (GARDEN) ALSO.

CITY UTILITY. FLUCTUATION IN GAS BILLS LAST MONTH

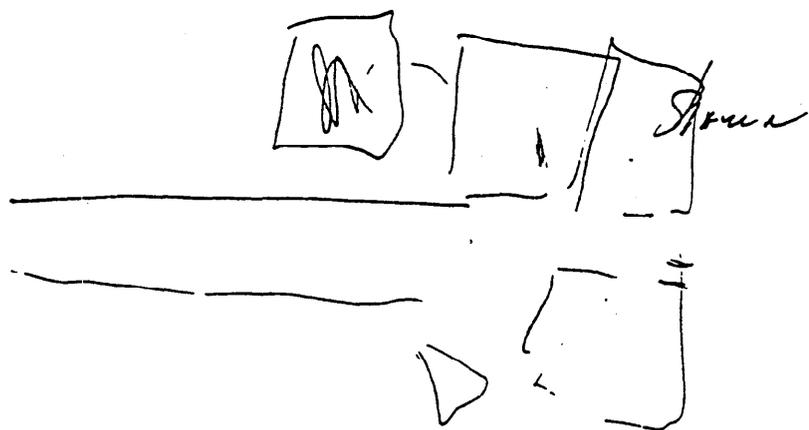
ADVISED CAUGHT PLAYING WITH CIGARETTE LIGHTER JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

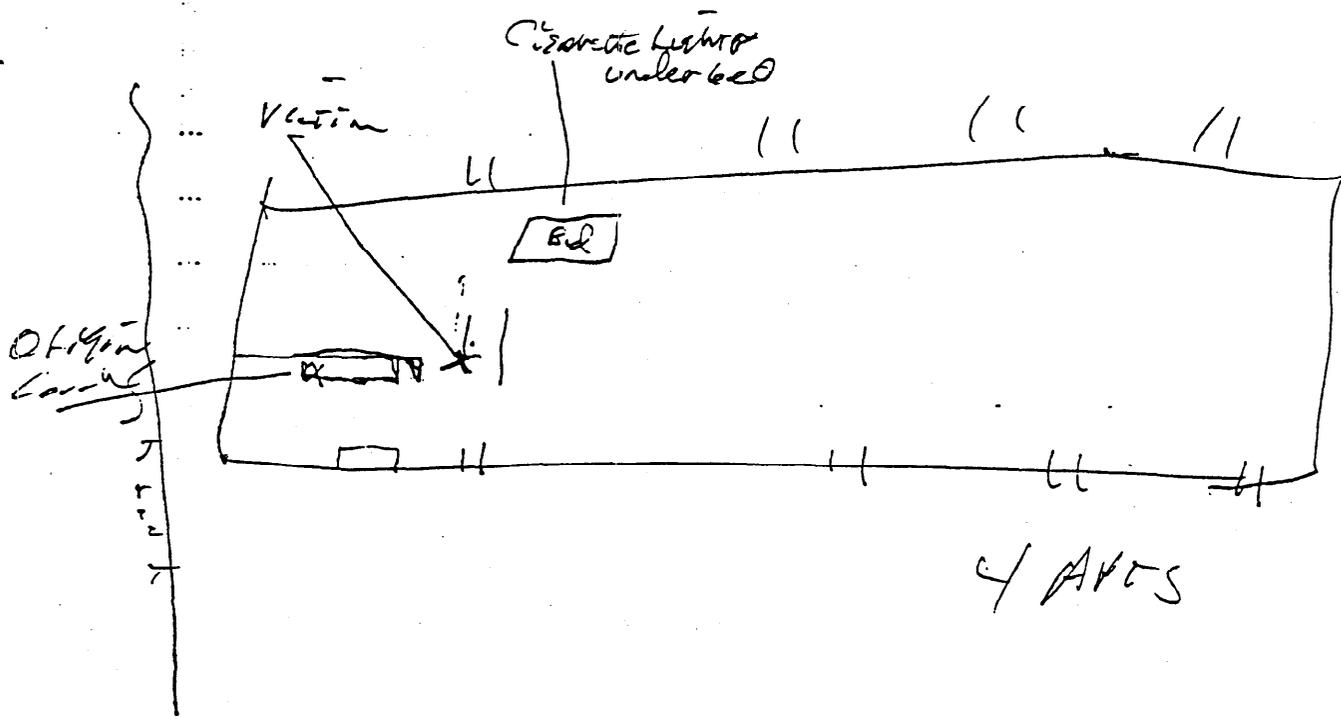
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ADVISOR [REDACTED] SLEEPING IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] STATED AT HOSPITAL) NORTHWEST  
BEDROOM HEARD SMOKE ALARM BEDROOM

[REDACTED] WAS NOTIFIED BY HIS MOTHER  
[REDACTED] BY MAGER OF THE FIRE AT A-1

Officer Langshum C-8





Victim was found between Chair & Couch  
in Living Room.

Hint was Cigarette lighter taken from  
under Mother's bed.



194-3060 ~~Chouteau~~ CHOUTEAU, OK Officer Schrum  
Reg 67 Police Dept 918-476-5225  
3 yr old boy

Reg 66-94 10:15 AM CHOUT  
occurred 66-94 9 AM

- Air Bld - possible 1-FAT

Re. Jack Rhodes Box 275 Cho-Tetu OK 74337  
Cho-tetu 44 1st on S-e → Jose Chantre FD

Resubled 6-6-94

b-b-8f

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Rt

(houreau 74337  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I am the man of the [REDACTED] H/O  
I heard the baby sitter [REDACTED]  
out in the yard, saying, "Well [REDACTED] is  
in there."

She told me she was asleep & the Scribe  
H/O was her up.

She told me she could see flame on  
the couch in the living room, but she  
didn't see [REDACTED]

Her face was burnt & hair burnt.  
She doesn't say what room she was asleep in  
said kids mother said kid was in his room  
asleep in his bed when she left.

[REDACTED] is Sherry Dad.

6-6-94

~~XXXXXX~~  
neighbor  
~~XXXXXX~~

I am a neighbor to people who had  
the fire today.

I heard her screaming out in the yard  
I called the FD.

She said the fire is in the living room.  
She said there is a light out.

6-6-94

[REDACTED]

Host 16 yrs old

4:30 PM

PHOR

She said smoke alarm woke her up, went  
into the living room the couch was on fire  
from middle to west, she tried to put the  
fire out with a throw pillow.

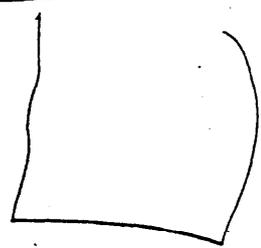
She stayed all night with them last night  
~~stayed~~ for Shawn Bed - mother left this  
morning & never woke her up. Shawn slept  
with his mother. This she left around  
6-6-30 AM going to work.

Bobby Settel — [REDACTED] 16 yrs old  
SISTER

Rentall [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Walter - Driver — Host

[REDACTED] APTS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ST - LOCATION

N-1st St



Victim — [REDACTED] M [REDACTED]

DOB - 12-28-90  
w/m

MAKES PD  
MEDICAL CONTACT

FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT -- CONTINUATION

**COPY**

OWNER Green Companies Dev Corp	CITY CHOUTEAU	COUNTY MAYES	DATE 6-6-94	FILE NO: 174-306
TENANT [REDACTED]	CASE STATUS Closed	AGENT Sam Pinson	DATE OPENED 6-6-94	
Report in NARRATIVE FORM - details of the Offense and Investigative findings, including disposition of Evidence. List and Identify all witnesses and suspect information.				

The undersigned Agent responded to Chouteau 6-6-94 and investigated an Apartment Fire, when agent arrived the Fire Dept was still at the Fire Scene. Agent found this to be an Accidental Fire, Origin of the Fire was in the Living Room, appeared to be from the west end of the Couch.

1. FATALITY, [REDACTED], w/m, DOB 12-28-90. Agents opinion, the victim had got out of bed and was the only person up and he was playing with a cigarette lighter. The Fire Dept showed this agent a cigarette lighter which was located under the mothers bed.

[REDACTED] was the baby sitter, 16yrs old, sister to [REDACTED]. She and the victim were the only two persons in the house at the time of the fire.

Agent talked with [REDACTED], neighbor at the Apartments. [REDACTED] She stated [REDACTED] was in the yard screaming, [REDACTED] told her the fire was in the living-room, she said there is a lighter out.

Agent talked with [REDACTED], manager of the Apartments. She said [REDACTED] told her she was asleep and the smoke alarm woke her up, said she could see flames on the couch, but didn't see the victim.

AGENT SIGNATURE [Signature]	DATE 7/1/94	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE
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OWNER	CITY	COUNTY	DATE	FILE NO:
TENANT	CASE STATUS	AGENT		1994-306
Report In NARRATIVE FORM - details of the Offense and Investigative Findings, including disposition of Evidence. List and Identify all witnesses and suspect information.				
				DATE OPENED

Agent went to the hospital in Pryor and talked with [redacted], her father was also at the hospital. [redacted] said the smoke alarm woke her up, she went in the living room and the couch was on fire from the center of it to the west end, she tried to put the fire out. [redacted] said she stayed all night with them the night before, she slept in [redacted]'s room, her sister got up and went to work and didn't wake her up. [redacted] slept with his mother. [redacted] thinks [redacted] left home about 6:30 am. Agent talked with [redacted]'s father, he said the boy did play with fire sometimes.

AGENT SIGNATURE	DATE	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE
[Signature]	5/20/94		

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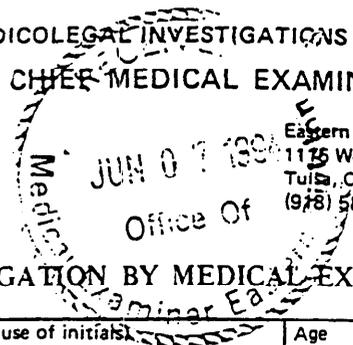
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OFFICE USE ONLY

Re. OSDH JUN 15 1994  
Co. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original document. Valid only when copy (imprint of the office seal).



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

ATTACHMENT # 4

PRODUCT: CLEAR

By [Signature]  
Date JUN 17 1994

DECEASED—First—Middle—Last Names (Please avoid use of initials) <u>[Redacted] M [Redacted]</u>	Age <u>3</u>	Birth Date <u>12-28-91</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Sex <u>M</u>	Marital Status
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HOME ADDRESS—No. Street, City, State <u>[Redacted]</u>	Occupation
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TYPE OF DEATH: (Check one only)

While in penal incarceration <input type="checkbox"/>	Unattended during fatal illness <input type="checkbox"/>	If motor vehicle accident, check one of the following DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> CYCLIST <input type="checkbox"/> PASSENGER <input type="checkbox"/> PEDESTRIAN <input type="checkbox"/>
After unexplained coma <input type="checkbox"/>	Found dead without obvious cause <input type="checkbox"/>	
During therapeutic procedure <input type="checkbox"/>	*Under suspicious circumstances <input type="checkbox"/>	
Death possible threat to public health <input type="checkbox"/>	*Violent, unusual or unnatural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Unattended stillbirth or by midwife only <input type="checkbox"/>	*Means: <u>HOUSEFIRE</u>	

EXAMINER NOTIFIED BY—NAME—TITLE (AGENCY, INSTITUTION, OR ADDRESS) <u>Mayes County Med Center</u>	DATE <u>6-6-94</u>	TIME <u>1100</u>
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INJURED OR BECAME ILL AT (ADDRESS) <u>[Redacted]</u>	CITY OR COUNTY <u>Chouteau</u>	TYPE OF PREMISES <u>residence</u>	DATE <u>6-6-94</u>	TIME <u>1</u>
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LOCATION OF DEATH (ADDRESS OR NAME OF INSTITUTION) <u>[Redacted]</u>	CITY OR COUNTY <u>Chouteau</u>	TYPE OF PREMISES	DATE <u>6-6-94</u>	TIME <u>1018</u>
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BODY VIEWED BY MEDICAL EXAMINER AT (ADDRESS) <u>129 N. Kentucky</u>	CITY OR COUNTY <u>Pryor</u>	TYPE OF PREMISES <u>Hosp</u>	DATE <u>6-6-94</u>	TIME <u>1200</u>
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DESCRIPTION OF BODY	RIGOR	LIVOR	EXTERNAL OBSERVATIONS	NOSE			MOUTH			EARS			
				BLOOD	FROTH	OTHER							
EXTERNAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	Jaw <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neck <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Arms <input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Legs <input type="checkbox"/> Decomposed <input type="checkbox"/>	Color <u>Cherry</u> Anterior <input type="checkbox"/> Posterior <input type="checkbox"/> Lateral <input type="checkbox"/> Regional _____	Clothed <input type="checkbox"/> Unclothed <input type="checkbox"/> Partly Clothed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hair _____ Beard _____ Mustache _____ Circumcised <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes: Color _____ Pupils: Opacities, Etc. R _____ L _____										
Significant observations and injury documentation—(Please use space below) <u>Burn to 98% of body</u> <u>Foot = new - mouth</u>				(cm) LENGTH <u>106.5</u>	(kg) WEIGHT <u>22</u>	BODY HEAT:							

Probable cause of death: <u>3 Smoke inhalation</u> <u>3 burn</u>	Manner of death: (Check one only)	Case disposition:
	Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/>	Autopsy: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized by _____ Pathologist _____ Not a medical examiner case <input type="checkbox"/>

MEDICAL EXAMINER Name, Address and Telephone No. <u>1071</u> <u>Jim Miller DO</u> <u>129 N Kentucky</u> <u>Pryor OK 74361</u>	I hereby state that, after receiving notice of the death described herein, I conducted an investigation as to the cause and manner of death, as required by law, and that the facts contained herein regarding such death are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. <u>[Signature]</u> Signature of Medical Examiner
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County of Appointment <u>Mayes</u>	Date <u>6/6/94</u>	WAIVE MEDICAL EXAMINER FEE — <input type="checkbox"/> YES
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9409696

SHAWN M. STEDDUM - 9409696  
 MEDICAL ATTENTION AND HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

NLM  
 JUN 17 1951

NAME OF PHYSICIAN OR INSTITUTION	ADDRESS	DIAGNOSIS	DATE

**CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH**

FOUND BY	NAME-RELATIONSHIP-ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
	[REDACTED] - Aunt	6/6/51	1000
LAST KNOWN ALIVE BY	[REDACTED]	6/6/51	1030
WITNESSES TO INJURY <input type="checkbox"/>			
CAUSE OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> AND/OR DEATH <input type="checkbox"/>			

**NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH: (Include scene description and/or diagram where appropriate)**

Pt reportedly was sleeping & cigarette lighter caught  
 couch on fire - [REDACTED] woke up and ran outside then  
 went back in to find pt - pt reportedly was down 15 min prior to  
 fire getting worse - took by first witness : pt did not  
 respond - Effort stopped @ 1015  
 922 of back home

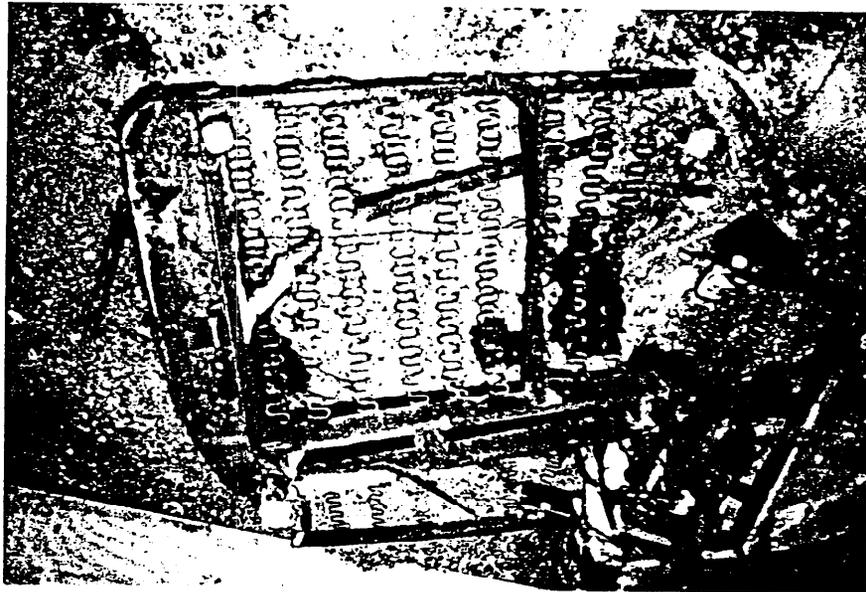
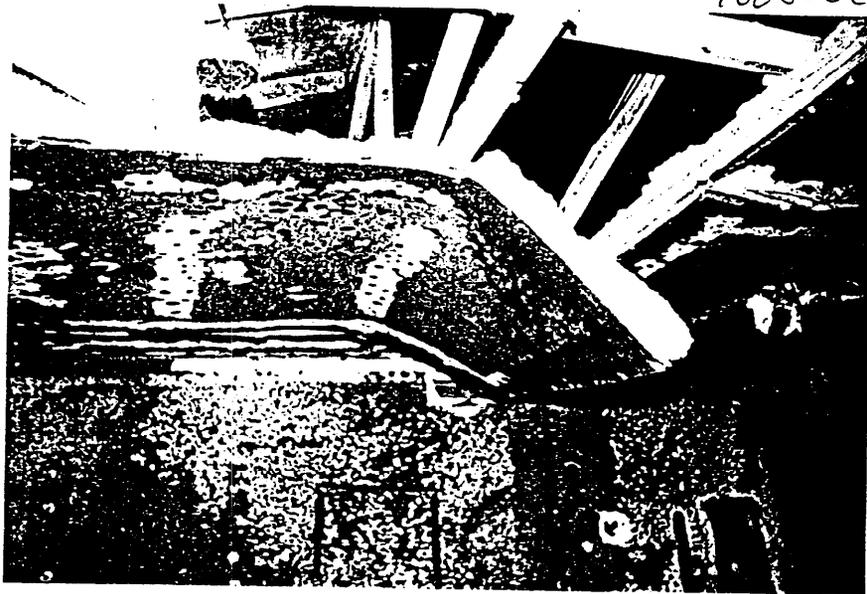
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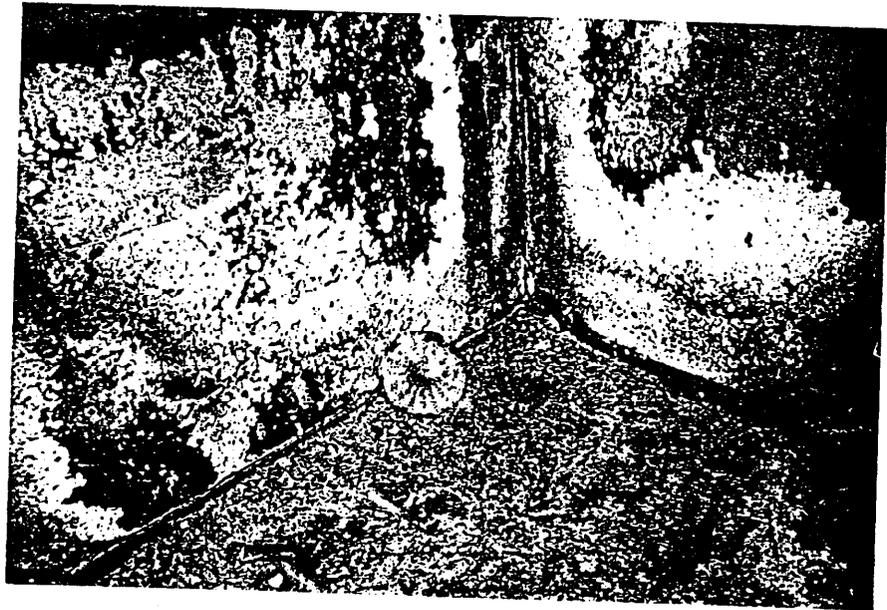


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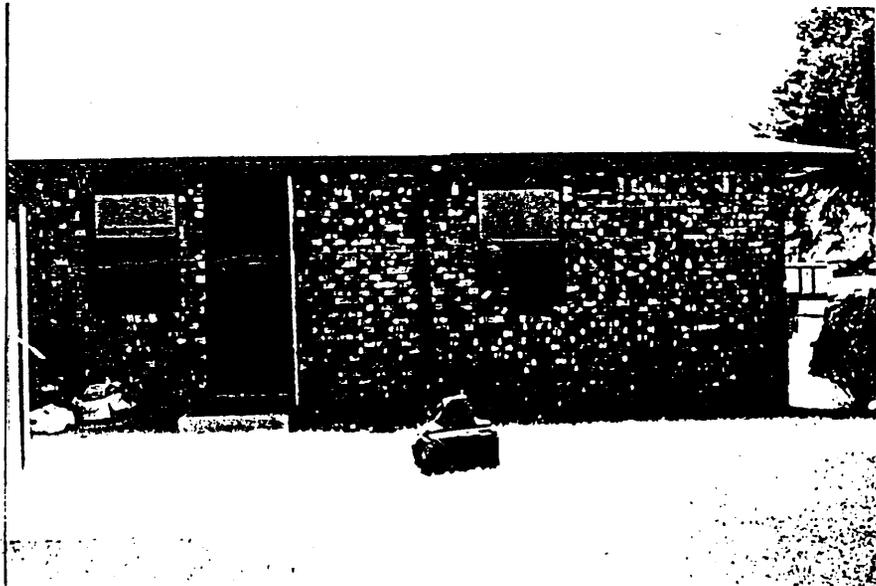
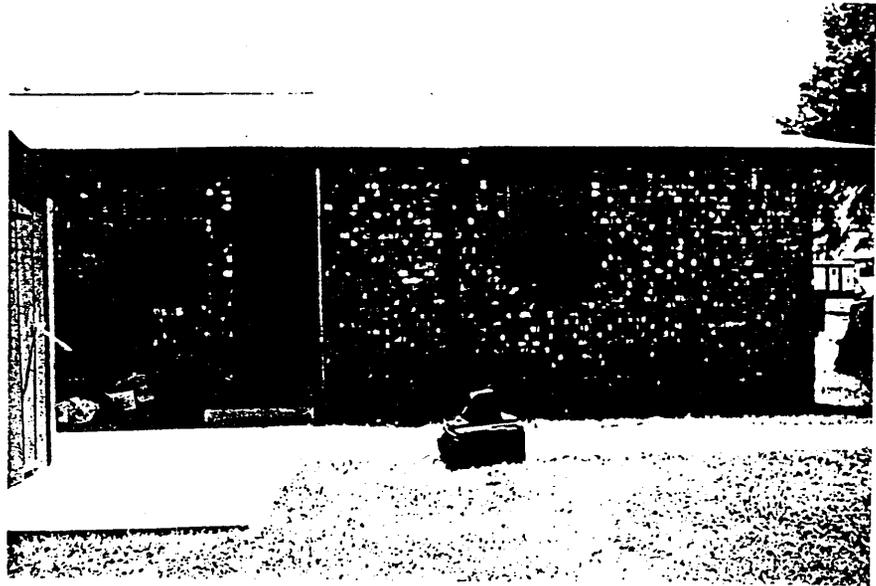
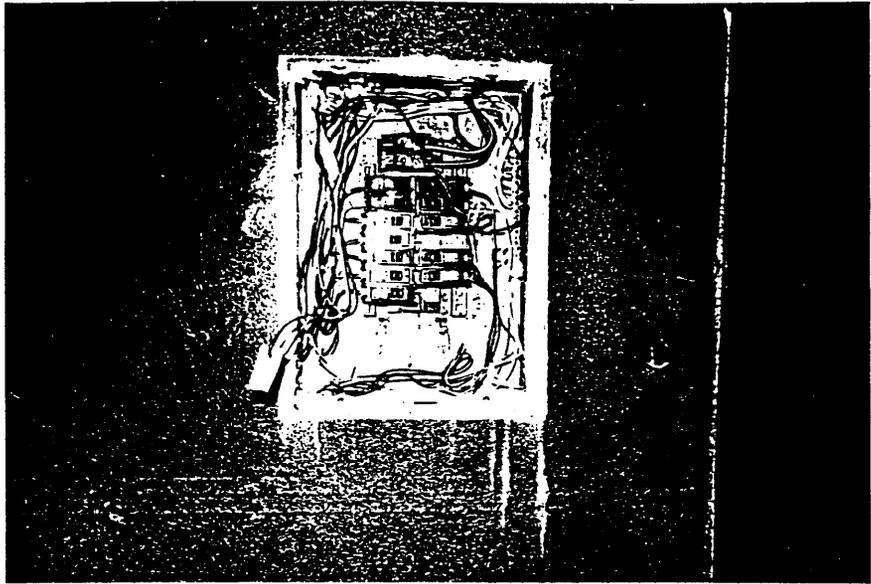
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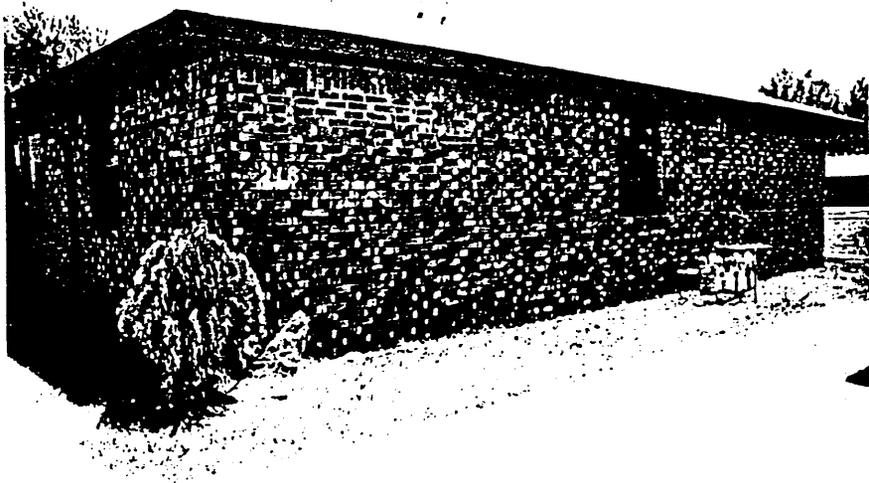
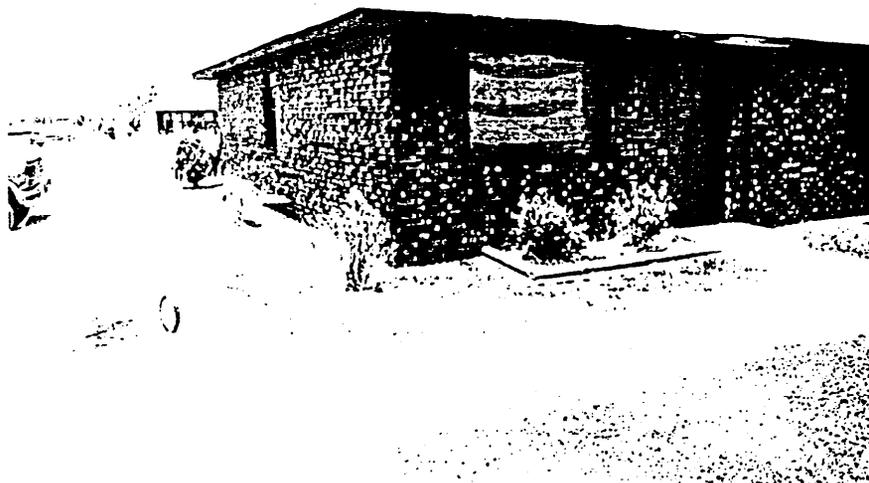
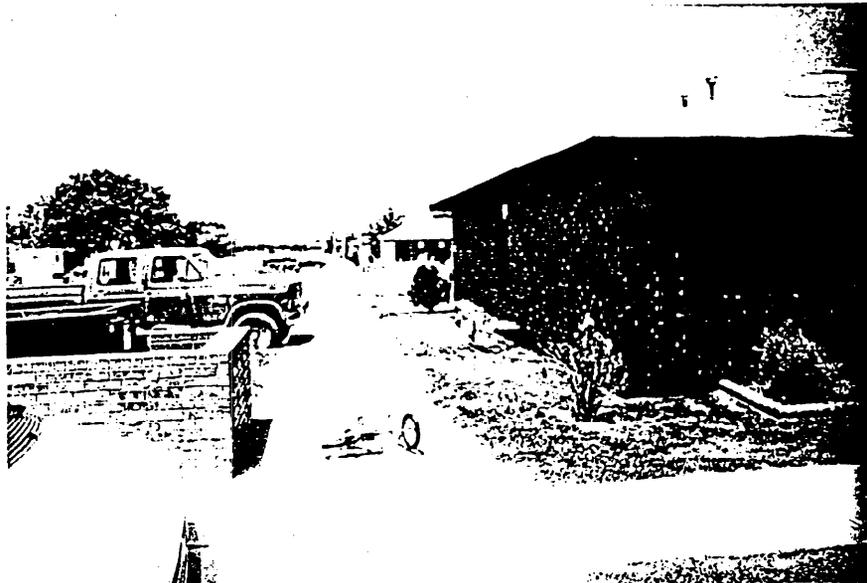
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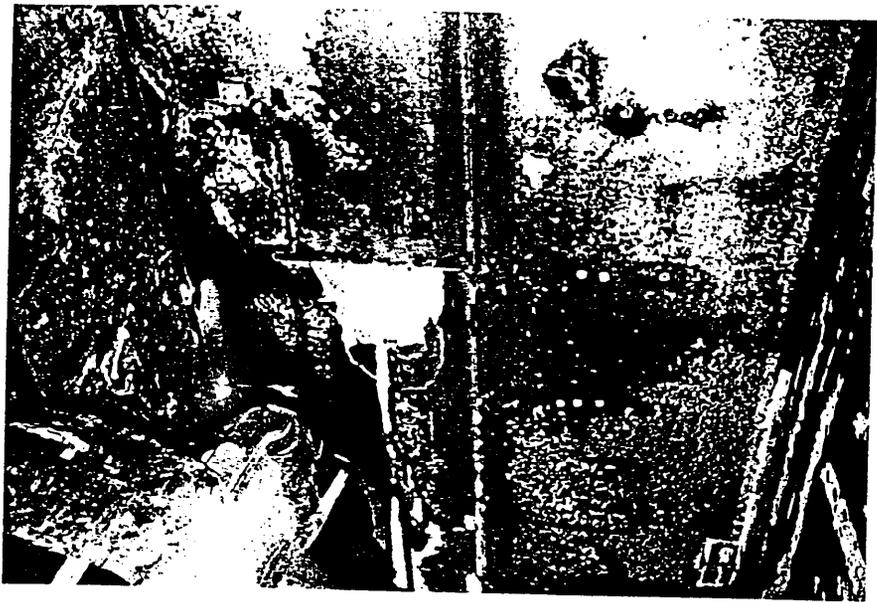


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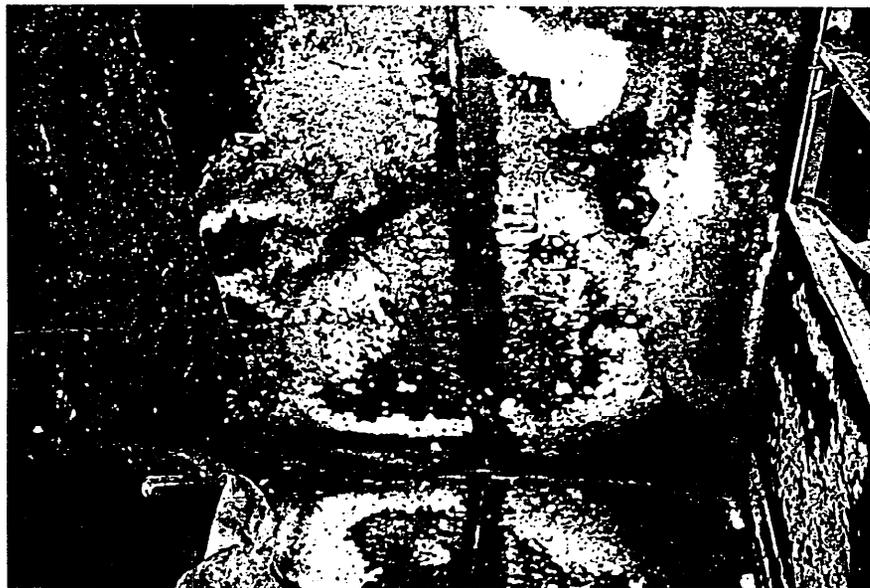
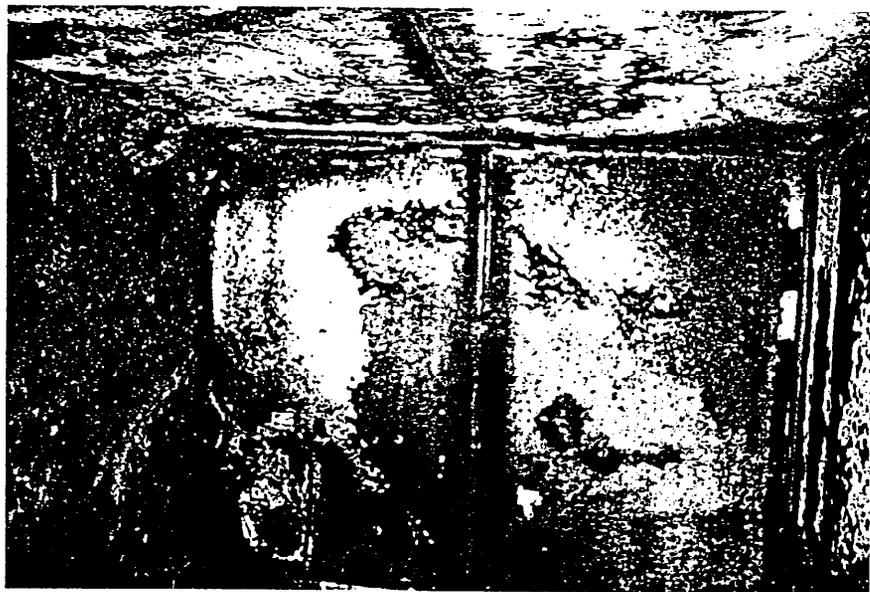


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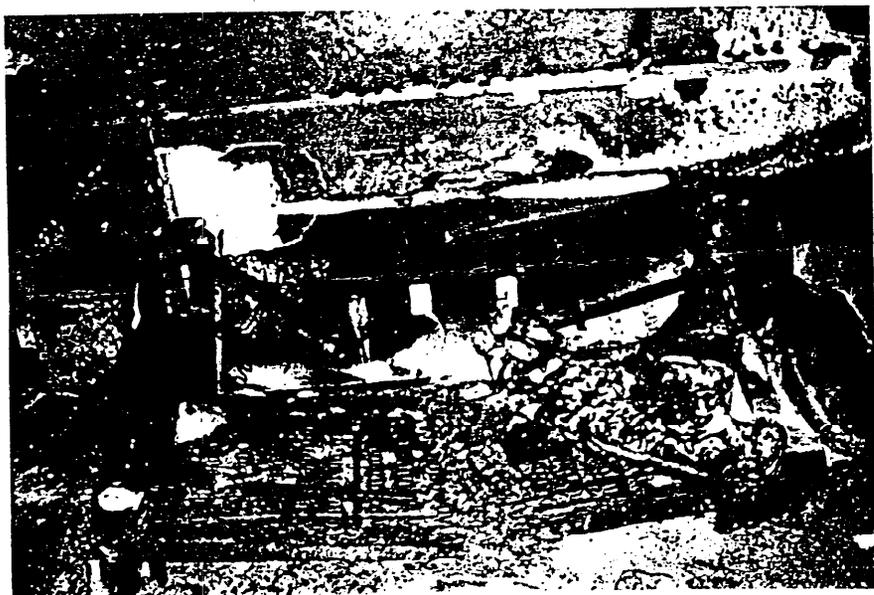




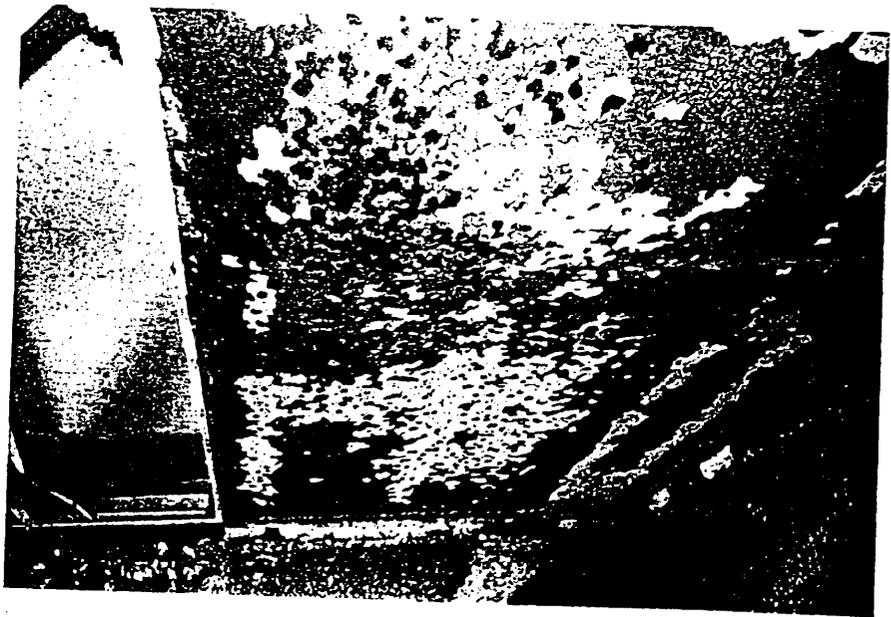
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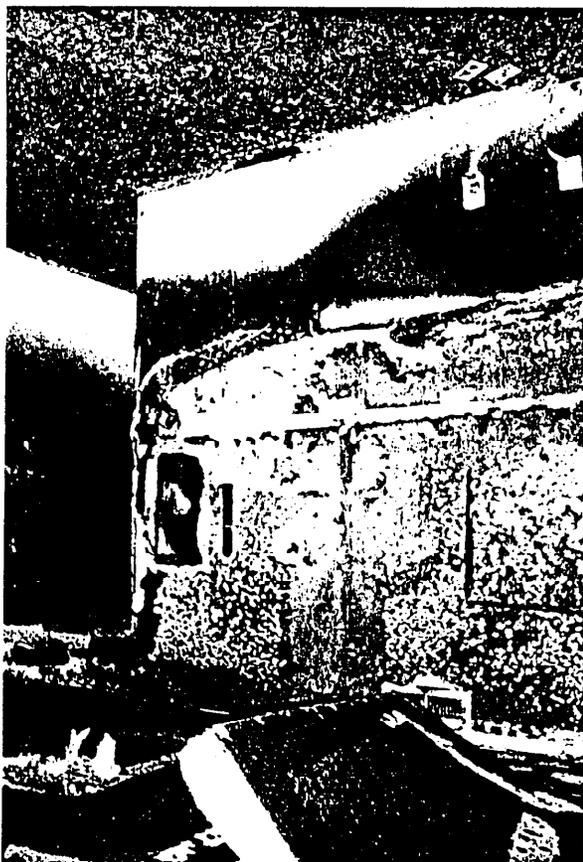
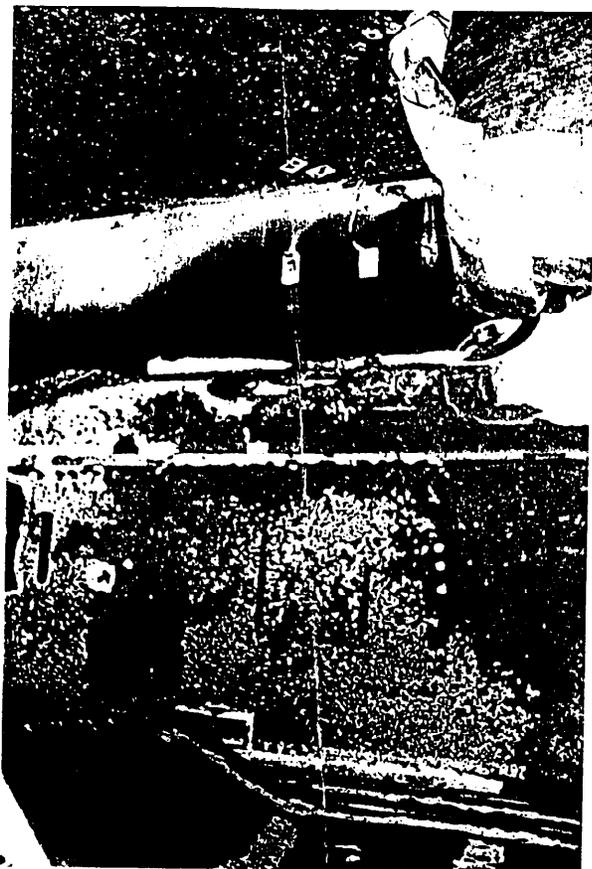


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PRODUCT: CLEAR LITE LIGHTER

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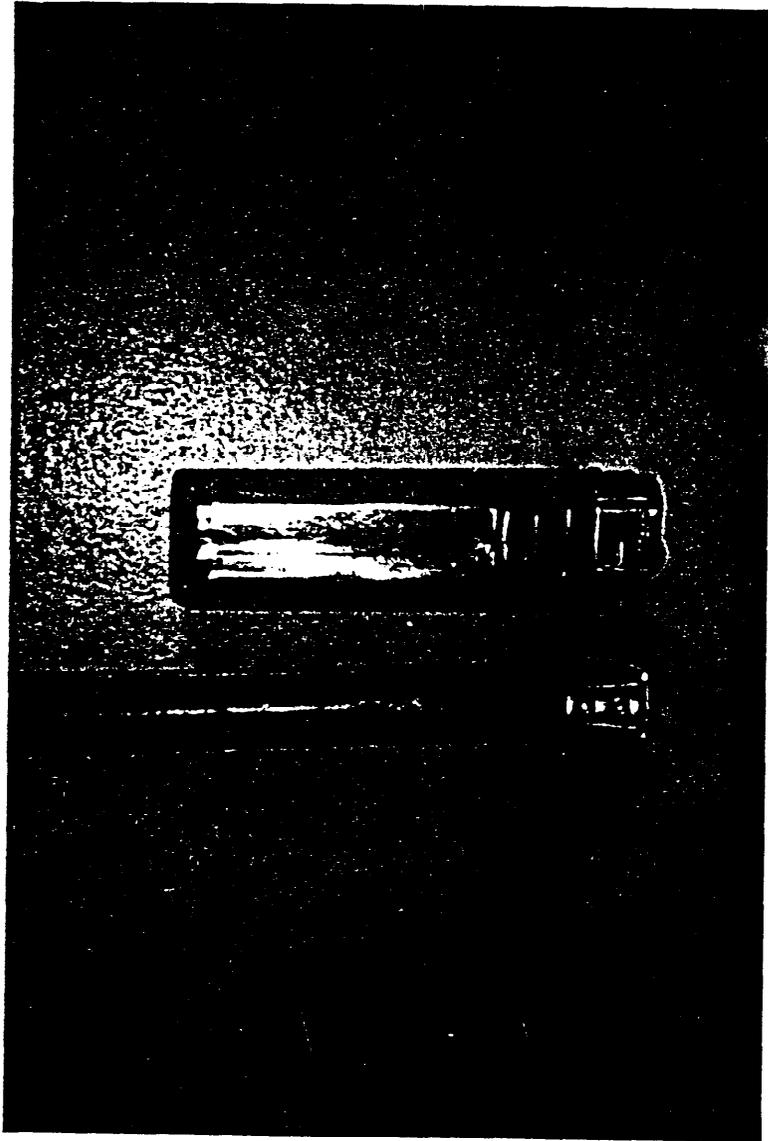
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PRODUCT: CIGARETTE LIGHTER

DALLAS SATELLITE OFFICE

PHOTO SHEET

LOCATION Chouteau, Oklahoma \_\_\_\_\_  
DOCUMENT NO. C96750234 \_\_\_\_\_  
PRODUCT Cigarette Lighter \_\_\_\_\_  
IDI# 960806CCC5448 \_\_\_\_\_



PICTURE

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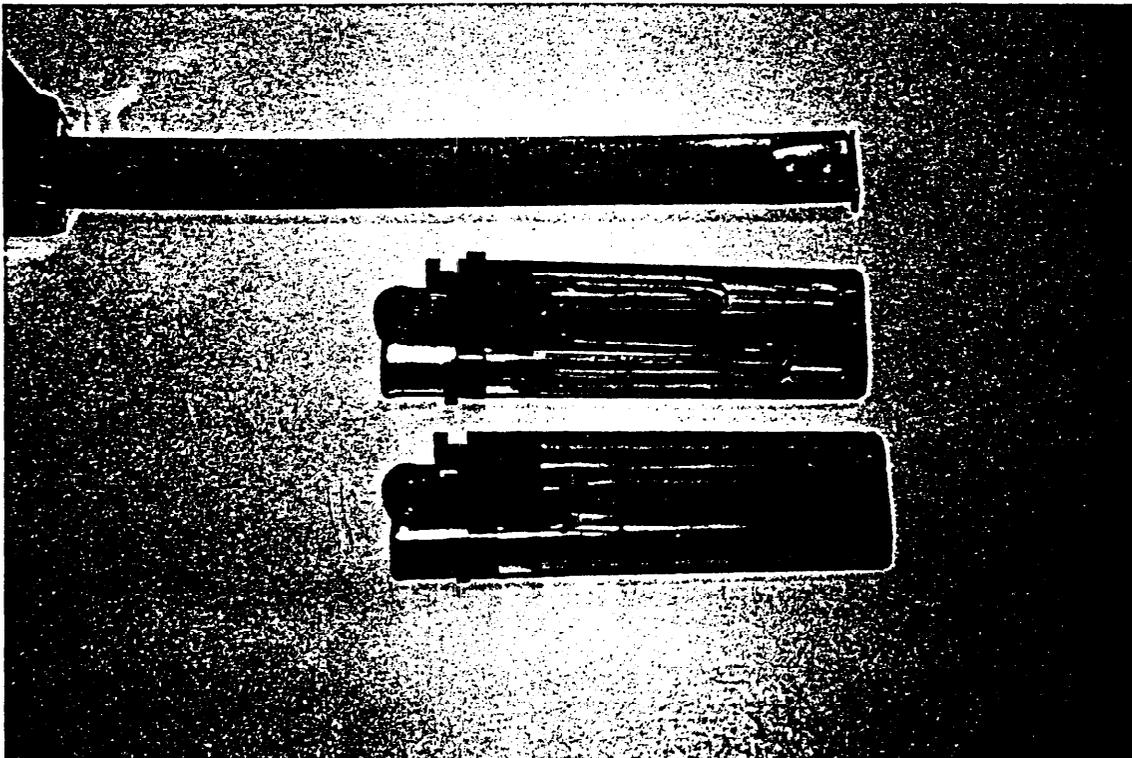
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PRODUCT Cigarette Lighter \_\_\_\_\_  
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PICTURE

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lighter which is newer and child proof. The attorney purchased this new purple lighter for exhibit purposes etc. It was not found in the apartment where the fatal fire occurred.

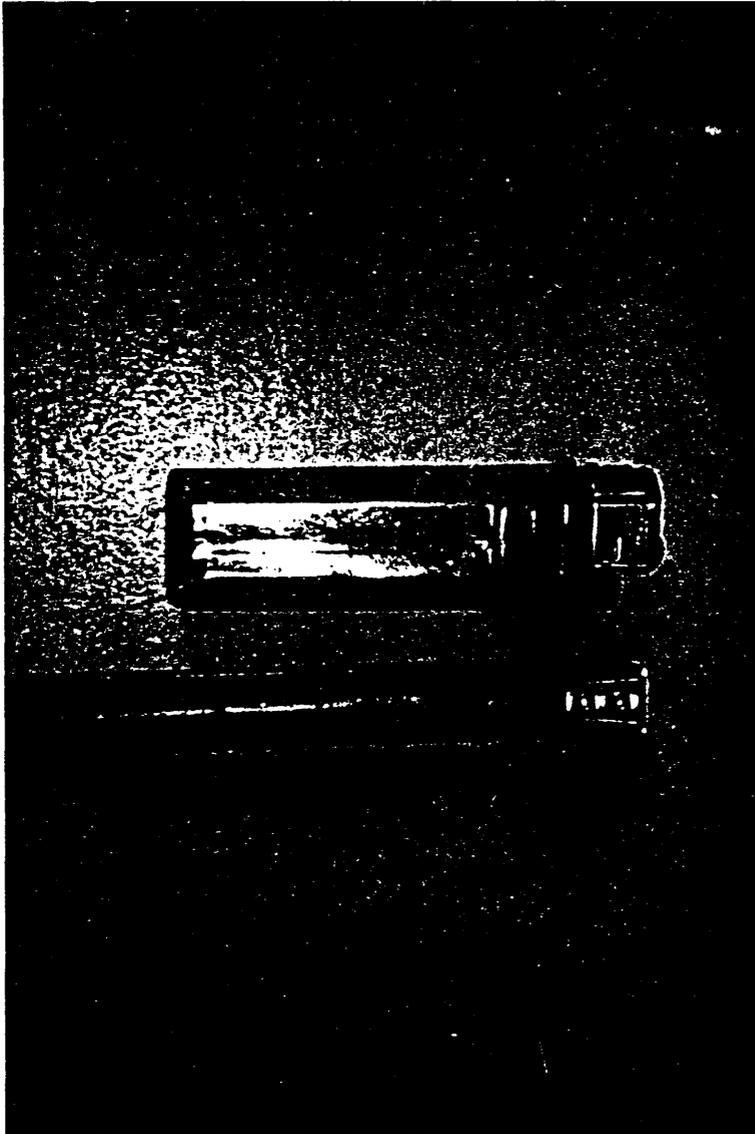


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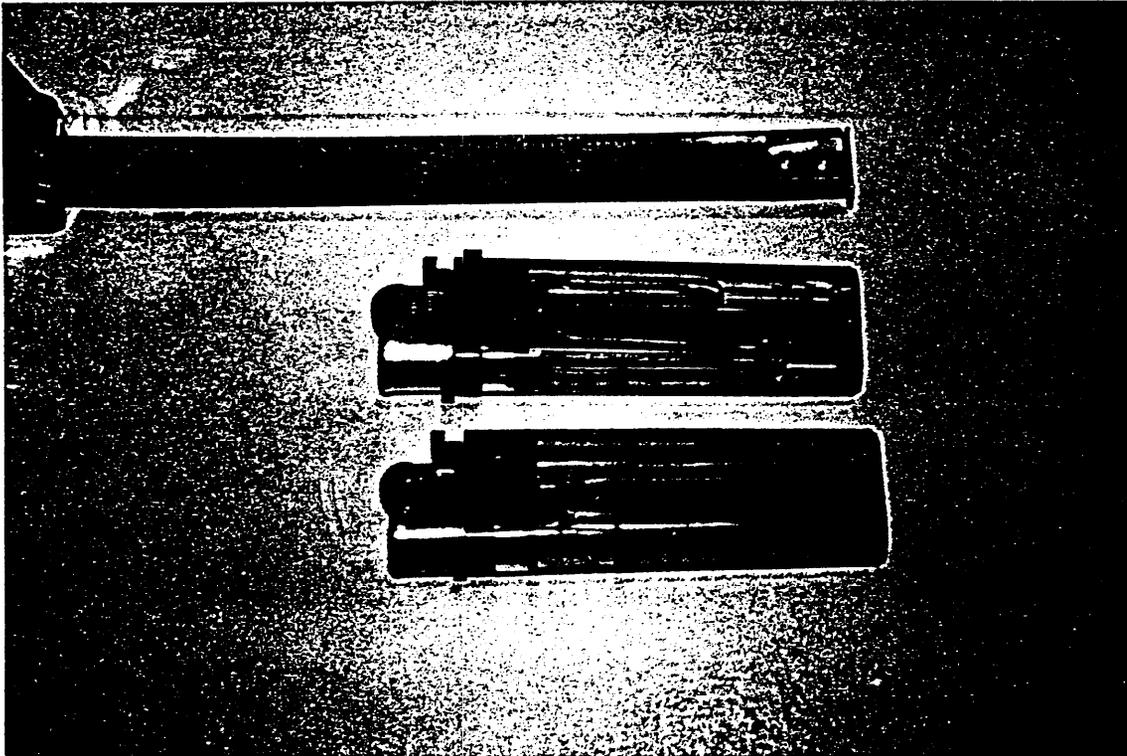
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# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

TASK # 960806CCC5448

ATTACHMENT # 7

PRODUCT: CIGARETTE LIGHTER

## Attachment A

### DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 960806CCC5448 Incident Date 6/6/96

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand UNKNOWN

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Furniture Purchased: UNKNOWN Furniture Age UNKNOWN

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

UNKNOWN

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm

Back  Side  Underside  Crevice

Welt Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

LT 5 yrs. old  5 - 14  15 - 64  65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter  Match  Candle  Heater  Fireplace

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown



## INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

If lighter, specify type:  Child-resistant  Not child-resistant  Unknown

If match, specify type:  Book  Box  Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fuel source \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from furniture

### E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, specify type: UNKNOWN

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes  No  Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? UNKNOWN

### F. VICTIM(S)

1 Number of Deaths 1 Number of Injuries

### G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household: UNKNOWN

Less than high school  High school  Some College

12. Total household income: UNKNOWN

LT \$15,000  \$15,000 - \$34,999  \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: UNKNOWN

Rent  Own UNKNOWN

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

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ATTACHMENT# 9

PRODUCT: CIGARETTE LIGHTER

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

CET  
OK

DOCUMENT NUMBER: C9475023A

DATE OF INCIDENT: 3/4/94 CATID: CARM07 1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) CRM ( )

TYPE FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368  
Backup: Bob Poth 504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

Person(s) to Contact: 

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number: 960806CCC5448 Date: 8/5/96  
Assigned to: SFOO Requested by: 8/5/96

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July 9, 1996

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United States Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20207

Re: Cigarette Lighter Recall -- [REDACTED]  
Disposable Butane Lighters imported from China b [REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting a complete copy of your files regarding the above-referenced matter. I am requesting this information as I represent clients whose child was in an accident involving a [REDACTED] lighter. I have enclosed a copy of the Complaint for your review.

AM  
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If there are any fees for searching for or copying the records I have requested, please inform me of the charge before filling the request.

As you know, the Act permits reduction or waiver of the fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe this request fits that category and therefore respectfully request that you waive any applicable fees.

If all or any part of the request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) which you think justifies your refusal to release said information and inform me of your agency's administrative appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I look forward to hearing from you within 10 working days, as the law stipulates. Thank you for your cooperation.

900 506 000 3448

Sincerely,

*Cheryl Bisbee*  
Cheryl Bisbee

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MAYES COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED],  
individually and as Parents of  
[REDACTED] deceased,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No.

POLY CITY INDUSTRIAL, LTD, a  
foreign corporation; SHIRALDI  
ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a WHOLESAL  
NOVELTIES; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] INC.; [REDACTED]  
INC., a California corporation;  
[REDACTED], a  
foreign corporation; TRI UNION USA,  
INC. a/k/a Amicell/Triunion;  
JIMMY YANG, individually and as  
President of TRI UNION USA, INC.;  
TAK CHI SHER, an individual;  
JOHN DOE MANUFACTURER I; JOHN DOE  
MANUFACTURER II; JOHN DOE RETAILER;  
JOHN DOE IMPORTER; JOHN DOE  
EXPORTER; JOHN DOE TRADING COMPANY;  
and JOHN DOE DISTRIBUTOR I,

Defendants.

PETITION

COME NOW plaintiffs, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
individually and as Parents of [REDACTED], a deceased minor, and  
state the following:

1. Plaintiffs are the parents of [REDACTED], a deceased minor.
2. Plaintiffs are residents of Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.
3. Poly City Industrial, Ltd. is a foreign corporation which designs and manufacturers disposable butane lighters which are distributed and sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.
4. Shiraldi Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Wholesale Novelties is a New York corporation who distributes and sells disposable butane lighters which are sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

5. [REDACTED] Inc. is a New York corporation which imports and distributes disposable butane lighters which are sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

6. Tri Union USA, Inc. a/k/a Amicell/Triunion is a corporation residing in a state other than Oklahoma which is the agent and trading company for the manufacturer(s) of a disposable butane lighters and causes said lighters which are distributed and sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma, to be imported, exported, traded, distributed and sold.

7. Jimmy Yang is an individual and the President of Tri Union USA, Inc.

8. China National Light Industrial Products Import & Export Corp. is a subsidiary of Tri Union USA, Inc. that exports disposable butane lighters from China which are distributed and sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

9. Young's Association, Inc. is a California corporation which imports and distributes disposable butane lighters which are sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

10. Tak Chi Sher is an individual who designs and causes to be manufactured disposable butane lighters which are sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

11. John Doe Manufacturer I is an unknown manufacturer which designs and manufacturers disposable butane lighters and/or component parts of disposable butane lighters which are distributed and sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

12. John Doe Manufacturer II is an unknown which designs and manufacturers disposable butane lighters and/or component parts of disposable butane lighters which are distributed and sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

13. John Doe Retailer I is an unknown retailer that regularly does business including the distribution and sale of disposable butane lighters in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

14. John Doe Importer I is an unknown importer which imports and distributes disposable butane lighters which are sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

15. John Doe Exporter I is an unknown exporter which exports and distributes disposable butane lighters which are sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

16. John Doe Trading Company I is an unknown company which causes disposable butane lighters to be imported, exported, traded, distributed and sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

17. John Doe Distributor I is an unknown distributor which distributes disposable butane lighters which are sold in Mayes County, State of Oklahoma.

18. That on or about June 6, 1994 [REDACTED], minor child of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] died as a direct result of a defective [REDACTED] disposable butane lighter designed, manufactured, imported, exported, traded, distributed and/or sold by defendants.

19. The lighter was defective in both design and manufacture and as such was unreasonably dangerous to a person or persons who used, consumed, or might reasonably be expected to be affected by the lighter including the plaintiffs' minor child.

20. The lighter was defective at the time it was manufactured and sold to plaintiffs.

21. That the death of [REDACTED] was a direct result of the defect or defects in the lighter.

22. The defendants failed to adequately warn the ordinary user of precautions he or she must take and risk he or she was

exposed to in using the product. Pleading specifically in the alternative, any warnings given failed to communicate to users the extent and seriousness of the dangers involved in using [REDACTED] disposable butane lighters.

23. That defendants failed to adequately warn the ordinary user that the safety devices that prevent young children from igniting the lighters were defective and the lighters could be ignited without using the safety devices.

24. That the defendants were negligent in marketing [REDACTED] disposable butane lighters including, but not limited to the following particulars:

a. Failed to properly test the lighters to assure they would not malfunction;

b. Failed to require the manufacture of the lighters was in such a way as to assure that debris/foreign matter would not fall into the operating portions and related mechanisms of the lighters, thus impeding their operation which defendants knew or should have known would result in fires;

c. Failed to test the safety features in the design of the lighters which would have protected members of the public including plaintiffs' minor child;

d. Negligently failed to specify and/or require that the plastic used in manufacturing the lighter would include sufficient flame retardant materials so as to extinguish any burning of the plastic after a flame has been removed;

e. Failed to adopt sufficient quality control standards to assure defective lighters would be kept off the market;

f. Failed to adequately warn of known defects and dangers associated with the lighters in such a way as to reasonably be

assured the members of the public would read and heed such

assured the members of the public would read and heed such warnings;

g. Failed to correct defects which caused the lighters to continue to burn when they should have extinguished;

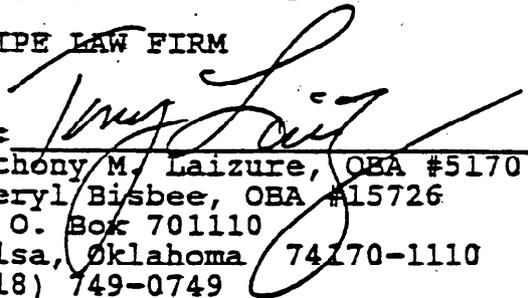
h. Failed to correct defects which caused the lighters to flare-up during use;

i. Failed to correct defects which enabled the lighters to ignite without using the safety devices that prevent children from igniting lighters.

That the conduct of the defendants in failing to warn users of the hazards involved, failure to correct defects in the lighters and willful failure to test "child resistant" lighters constitutes conduct of such an egregious nature, defendants should be punished by way of example.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against the defendants, and each of them, in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00, punitive damages, court costs, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper in the premises.

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CALLS TO LAWYERS

IDENTIFICATION C9675023

CITY/STATE Chotau, OK

DATE OF INCIDENT 3/6/94

TYPE OF INJURY FATAL

AGE/SEX 3/ MALE

SCENARIO (1 sentence) Victim playing with cigarette lighter, light flared up catching couch a fire and victim was unable to escape the apartment causing himself to burn in fire.

MANUFACTURER: POLY CITY, CHINA

DISTRIBUTOR: [REDACTED]

IMPORTED BY: YANG OR [REDACTED]



# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

If lighter, specify type:  Child-resistant  Not child-resistant  Unknown

If match, specify type:  Book  Box  Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fuel source \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from furniture

## E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?  
 Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, specify type: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?  
 Yes  No  Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? \_\_\_\_\_

## F. VICTIM(S)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Deaths \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Injuries

## G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:  
 Less than high school  High school  Some College

12. Total household income:  
 LT \$15,000  \$15,000 - \$34,999  \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rent  Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown
2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown
3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand \_\_\_\_\_
4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown  
If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date Furniture Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Furniture Age \_\_\_\_\_
6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy) \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE:** Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

- Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm
- Back  Side  Underside  Crevice
- Welt Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION** (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM**

Document Number N9675023A  
 Date of Incident 03/06/94 Category I.D. BUNN251996  
 Follow-Up Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Hazard Analysis X Section 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type Follow-Up Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Call X On-Site \_\_\_\_\_  
 Headquarters Contact Kimberly Long (301) 504-0470 Ext 1289  
Backup - Linda Smith (301) 504-0470 Ext. 1275

**Assignment Message**

Conduct an investigation of this case where a children playing with a lighter set fire to a couch.

Find out what part of the furniture ignited (if possible).  
If the cigarette lighter is a child resistant lighter, collect sample.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved.

Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident.

Complete Attached Data Record Sheet.

Person(s) to Contact: Choctaw, OK Fire Department  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires  
 Requested By Kimberly Long  
 Task Number 960806CCC5448  
 Assigned to SFO  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

CPSC Form 324 (2/90)

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<b>1. CASE NUMBER</b> 960808HCC7360		<b>2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID</b> 8064	<b>3. OFFICE CODE</b> 800	<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>	
<b>4. INCIDENT DATE</b> YR MO DAY 96 06 29		<b>5. DATE INITIATED</b> YR MO DAY 96 09 18			
<b>6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT</b> Fire officials are of the opinion that a child was playing with matches which resulted in the ignition of a livingroom sofa. One child sustained minor burns and smoke inhalation. A second child sustained smoke inhalation. The residence where this fire occurred was destroyed by fire. Estimated fire loss is not reported.					
<b>7. LOCATION</b> Home/livingroom 10		<b>8. CITY</b> Tampa		<b>9. STATE</b> Fla <span style="float: right;">FL</span>	
<b>10A. FIRST PRODUCT</b> Sofa (0679)		<b>11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER &amp; ADDRESS</b> Unknown			
<b>10B. SECOND PRODUCT</b> Matches (1731)		<b>11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER &amp; ADDRESS</b> Unknown			
<b>12. AGE OF VICTIM</b> 012	<b>13. SEX</b> Male 1		<b>14. DISPOSITION</b> Treated & released. 1	<b>15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS</b> Burns/thermal 51	
<b>16. BODY PART</b> Back 31		<b>17. RESPONDENT(S)</b> Fire officials 3		<b>18. INVESTIGATION TYPE</b> Other 3	<b>19. TIME SPENT</b> 4.0
<b>20. ATTACHMENTS</b> None 0		<b>21. CASE SOURCE</b> Newspaper 5		<b>22. REVIEWED BY</b> YR MO DAY 8342 96 12 16	
<b>23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)</b> X CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME ___ CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME X					
<b>24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)</b>  See attached narrative.				<b>25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW</b> DATE  JDS 12/16/96	

**IDI 960808HCC7360**

**Note:**

The information contained in this report was confirmed by a fire official, however, records and/or reports which may provide specific accident and product data have not been provided by fire officials. Attempts to contact/interview the parent of the children involved in this fire incident have been unsuccessful.

**Pre-Accident:**

During the early morning hours of June 29, 1996, a mother of three boys (ages 12, 3 and 1) was preparing to leave for work and instructed her oldest son that he was in charge of caring for his younger brothers until her return.

The activities of the three children prior to this fire incident are not reported. The residence where this fire occurred is described as an older 2-bedroom wooden structure.

**Accident:**

Fire officials are of the opinion that prior to 7:00AM, one of the children began playing with matches which resulted in the ignition of the livingroom sofa.

**Post-Accident:**

At 7:00AM, the childrens mother telephoned from work only to be told by her oldest son that there was smoke in the house. As fire spread, it blocked all routes of escape except to a locked security door with iron bars which the children could not open.

Two men who happened to be walking by the house heard the children screaming for help and when they looked in a window, observed smoke and flames. Using an ax, these two men were able to shatter the lock on the security door and rescue the children.

The children were transported to a local hospital where they were treated and released. The 12 year old child was treated for minor burns to his back and smoke inhalation. The 3 year old child was treated for smoke inhalation. The 1 year old child sustained no injuries.

Fire destroyed the entire structure and its contents. The estimated loss caused by this fire was not reported.

**Standards:**

None reported.

**Samples:**

No samples were collected in support of this investigation.

**Product Identification:**

No identification on the sofa and matches involved in this fire was available for collection.

**Exhibits:**

1. Data recording sheet for upholstered furniture fires, Attachment "A".

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# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

EXHIBIT #1 960808HCC7360

## Attachment A

**DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES**  
(To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 960808HCC7360 Incident Date 6/29/96

A. **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand UNKNOWN.

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Furniture Purchased: UNK. Furniture Age UNK.

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

NONE REPORTED.

B. **POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE:** Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm

Back  Side  Underside  Crevice

Welt Cord  Tuft  Other UNKNOWN.

C. **AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION** (if appropriate): UNKNOWN.

LT 5 yrs. old  5 - 14  15 - 64  65 +

D. **PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE** (Check):

\_\_\_ Lighter  Match \_\_\_ Candle \_\_\_ Heater \_\_\_ Fireplace

\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Unknown



# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

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- If lighter, specify type:  Child-resistant  Not child-resistant  Unknown  
If match, specify type:  Book  Box  Unknown  
If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

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## E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

- Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, specify type: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

- Yes  No  Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? IMMEDIATELY.

## F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths 2 Number of Injuries

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General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

Dick Lima  
pls for 8/26/96

REC'D: 9/16/96 RDL

GPI  
A. Bodini  
8/20/96

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number 7 N960267A

Date of Incident 06/30/96 Category I.D. BUNN251996

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis X Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call X On-Site \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Long (301) 504 -0470 Ext 1269  
Backup - Linda Smith (301) 504-0470 Ext. 1275

Assignment Message

Conduct as investigation of this case where a children playing with a lighter set fire to a couch. Determine if the age of the couch and, the couch was new or used, and any socioeconomic information.

Find out what part of the furniture ignited.  
If the cigarette lighter is a child resistant lighter, collect sample.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved.

Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident.

Complete Attached Data Record Sheet.

Person(s) to Contact Tampa, FL Fire Department (Bill Wade) and victims

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Long

Task Number 960808HCC7360

Assigned to NYCO

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# 3 children saved from house fire

## Rescuers break through door with ax

By KEVIN WALKER  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — Inside the blazing house, three children begged for someone to save them. Outside, a fireman broke open the door and rescued the 12-year-old, 3-year-old and 1-year-old trapped inside the burning home at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The door wouldn't give. Then the fireman talked up with her ax and another fireman broke open the door and rescued the 12-year-old, 3-year-old and 1-year-old trapped inside the burning home at 3 p.m. Saturday.

"It was all an act of God, as far as I'm concerned," said the fireman. "It's like that ax fell out of the sky."

Actually, it came from the living room. The 72-year-old man bought the ax for protection. When the fire broke out, he remembered it as she looked across the street early Saturday and heard her neighbor's children screaming from inside their burning house.

She saw the fireman hitting the back door with a take. "I said to myself, 'There ain't no way he's going to get that door open using a take,'" she said.

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The oldest child, 12, had held his siblings close to him, shielding them from the flames that licked at his back. He was successful.

The 3-year-old child, 3, suffered from smoke inhalation, and 1-year-old child, 1, did not require medical attention. However, the 1-year-old child was treated for minor burns to his back and smoke inhalation at Tampa General Hospital. All three were released shortly after the fire.

"The way that boy protected his little brother and sister — he's the real hero here," the fireman said. "To see how he kept those two younger ones under control and protected them from the fire — it overwhelmed me."

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Anthony Knight and Danny Daniels look over the burglar-bar door they broke through with an ax during the rescue.

while their mother went to work. The blaze started when one of the children began playing with matches and set a sofa on fire, said Tampa Fire Capt. Bill Wade. Wade, 42, the child's mother, was the first to learn about the fire. She left for work at 5 a.m., leaving the children alone.

charge. When she called to check in with them at 7 a.m., she was screaming, Wade said. "There's smoke! The house is on fire!" the child told his mother. The fire had blocked all routes of escape except for the back door.

See CHILDREN, Page 6

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JAY CONNER/Tribune photos

A charred frame stands at [redacted] after fire engulfed it Saturday morning. [redacted] below, holds the ax she gave rescuers to break down the home's door.

## Children rescued from blaze

From Page 1

[redacted] which had a security door with iron bars that the children could not open.

Fortunately, [redacted] had decided to skip a ride and walk to a friend's house Saturday morning, which took him past the [redacted] home.

"I heard kids yelling, 'Please get us out of here!'" [redacted] said. Daniels looked into the house and saw smoke and "flames just rolling."

"All I could think was, 'Oh Lord, Oh Lord, Oh Lord.'"

[redacted] found the children squatting down near the back door.

[redacted] was joined by [redacted] 49, of Orlando, who was in the neighborhood visiting friends.

Neither could get the door open. They tried a cinder block, but it shattered. The metal rake didn't work. Both grew more and more anxious as they listened to the children, Daniels said.

"They were right there in front



of the door, begging to get out," [redacted] said.

Then [redacted] showed up with her ax. [redacted] then [redacted] worked persistently at the door, striking it with the ax nearly 40 times before the lock shattered.

"We were able to get the door open enough to pull them out," [redacted] said. "Then we just ran." Seconds later, fire engulfed the entire house.

The blaze left only the shell standing.

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1. CASE NUMBER		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID		3. OFFICE CODE		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT		
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4. INCIDENT DATE R MO DAY			DI INITIATED			YR MO DAY		
960625			960913					
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT								
Two children, a 3 year old male and a 2 year old female, died as a result of an apartment fire. The children were left alone in the apartment. The official cause of the fire is undetermined, but it is suspected that the 3 year old male was playing with matches or a cigarette lighter, and caught a fabric-covered sofa on fire.								
7. LOCATION			8. CITY			9. STATE		
Home 10			Cheraw			South Carolina SC		
10A. FIRST PRODUCT				1A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS				
Sofa 0679				Unk				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT				11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS				
Smoke Alarm 0702				Unk				
12. AGE OF VICTIM		13. SEX		14. DISPOSITION		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS		
* 003		Male 1		Fatality 8		Anoxia 65		
16. BODY PART		17. RESPONDENT(S)			18. INVESTIGATION TYPE		19. TIME SPENT	
All parts of body 85		Fire, Police, 3			Telephone 2		11	
20. ATTACHMENTS		21. CASE SOURCE		22. REVIEWED BY		YR MO DAY		
Multi 9		Newspaper 05		8342		96 11 13		
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)								
CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME ___ CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <u>X</u>								
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)					25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW			
Victim 2					DATE			
12. 002 13. Female 2 14. Fatality 8					11-15-96			
15. Anoxia 65 16. All parts of body 85								
(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)								

**NOTE:** This limited investigation involved an apartment fire resulting in two fatalities. Investigating fire officials were unable to provide the official cause of the fire. Information in this report was provided by investigating fire and police officials.

#### **PRE-ACCIDENT**

On June 25, 1996, three occupants were present in the residence. The residence is described as a two story, brick apartment. The occupants of the residence were the two victims; a two year old female and a three year old male, and the 19 year old mother of the victims.

At about 5:00 p.m., the mother of the victims put the children in the bed for a nap. She left the residence, and went across a field to visit someone.

#### **ACCIDENT**

Sometime later, the mother noticed smoke coming from the apartment.

#### **POST ACCIDENT**

Fire and police officials were notified. Investigating police officials were the first to arrive on the scene. The victim's mother told them that her two children were in the burning apartment. Fire officials arrived and entered the apartment. The three year old male victim was found already dead, downstairs in the den area. The two year old female victim was found upstairs in the bedroom area and transported to the hospital. She died shortly after being taken to the hospital from burns and smoke inhalation.

Investigating fire officials provided limited information about the incident and the products involved. A search for the cigarette lighter or matches involved in the incident was unsuccessful. The fabric couch was destroyed in the incident. The apartment was destroyed in the fire, with damages estimated at \$10,000. There was a smoke detector in the residence, but whether it alarmed was unreported. There was no telephone listing for the occupant, and no response to written correspondence. The grandmother of the victims was contacted, but could not provide any additional information.

The fire report is included as Attachment 1. The police report is included as Attachment 2. The Data Recording Sheet for Upholstered Furniture Fires is included as Attachment 3.

CHERAW FIRE DEPARTMENT  
12 CHESTERFIELD HIGHWAY  
CHERAW, SOUTH CAROLINA 29520

MEMORANDUM

TO: HELEN T. CASH  
PRODUCT SAFETY INVESTIGATOR

DATE: 10/11/96

FROM: DONALD J. BAKER  
FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: FIRE INCIDENT AT [REDACTED],  
CHERAW, SC, ON 06/25/96

THE INVESTIGATORS IN THIS INCIDENT, THROUGH INTERVIEWS  
AND SCENE OBSERVATIONS, HAD THE USE OF A LIGHTER OR  
MATCHES BY A CHILD HIGH ON THEIR LIST OF POSSIBLE CAUSES.

BECAUSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO ACTUALLY FIND REMAINS OF A  
LIGHTER OR MATCHES IN THE AREA OF ORIGIN, THE OFFICIAL  
CAUSE OF THIS FIRE IS UNDETERMINED.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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CHERAW FIRE DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT:

INCIDENT#: FA-026	DATE: 06/25/96	LOCATION: [REDACTED]
SITUATION FOUND: STRUCTURE FIRE		
ACTION TAKEN: RESCUE AND EXTINGUISHMENT		
PROPERTY USE: DWELLING	IGNITION FACTOR: UNDETERMINED	
AREA OF ORIGIN: LIVING ROOM		
LEVEL OF ORIGIN: GROUND		
EQUIPMENT INVOLVED: NONE		
TYPE OF MATERIAL: NORMAL COMBUSTIBLES		
METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT: PRE-CONNECT 1.5" LINES		
CONSTRUCTION TYPE: V		
EXTENT OF FIRE DAMAGE: CONFINED TO ROOM OF ORIGIN		
FACTORS OF FIRE SPREAD: NORMAL		
WATER SUPPLY: GOOD	FORCIBLE ENTRY: NO	
VENTILATION: YES	TEMP: 87	WIND DIR: MPH:
INJURIES TYPE: SMOKE INHALATION		
NAME: ERIC TAYLOR	ADDRESS: CHERAW FIRE DEPARTMENT	
NAME:	ADDRESS:	
FATALITY NAME: [REDACTED]		
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] CHERAW, SC		
MUTUAL AID AGENCIES: CHERAW POLICE, RESCUE - CC CORONER, SLED		

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AGENCY I.D.  
SCO 130100

INCIDENT REPORT

960773

NO. ENTO.

EVENT	INCIDENT TYPE	WARDEN	COMPLETED	FORCED ENTRY	PREMISE TYPE	UNITS ENTERED	TYPE VICTIM	
	1. Homicide by Child Abuse		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Apartment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inst. <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Relig. Orgn. <input type="checkbox"/> Soc./Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Police Off.	
	2.		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
VICTIM NO. 1	INCIDENT LOCATION (SUBDIVISION, APARTMENT AND NUMBER, STREET NAME AND NUMBER)					ZIP CODE	WEAPON TYPE	
	[REDACTED] Dr. Cheraw SC					29520		
	INCIDENT DATE	24 HR. CLOCK	DATE	24 HR. CLOCK	DISPATCH DATE/TIME	DISPATCH TIME	DEPART. TIME	
6-25-96 1746				6-25-96 1746	1748	1850		
COMPLAINANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT		RESIDENT	RACE	SEX	AGE	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		J S O U	B F		19 N	
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.		
[REDACTED]		Dr. Cheraw		SC	29520	D		
VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT		RESIDENT	RACE	SEX	AGE	
[REDACTED]		CH		J S O U	B M		3 N	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULIARITIES, ETC.				
3'11	70	Blk	Brn					
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.		
[REDACTED]		Cheraw		SC	29520	D		
VISIBLE INJURY (NCT. 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLAIN		COMPLAINT OF ANY NON-VISIBLE INJURIES: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		dead				
VICTIM (NO. 1) USING: ALCOHOL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK <input type="checkbox"/> DRUGS: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK <input type="checkbox"/> TYPE:								
TWO-MAN VEH. <input type="checkbox"/> ONE-MAN VEH. <input type="checkbox"/> DETECTIVE/PLASANT. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> ALONE <input type="checkbox"/> ASSISTED <input type="checkbox"/>		* J - This Jurisdiction. S - State. O - Out of State. U - Unknown						
SUBJECT NO. 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RACE	SEX	AGE	ETH.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> RUNAWAY	[REDACTED]		B F		19 N	6-16-77	
	<input type="checkbox"/> WANTED	FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULIARITIES, ETC.					52	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARRANT	ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARREST	[REDACTED]		Cheraw	SC	29520	D		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JAIL	SUBJECT (NO. 1) USING: ALCOHOL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK <input type="checkbox"/> ARRESTED NEAR OFFENSE SCENE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		DATE/TIME OF OFFENSE		DATE/TIME OF ARREST			
<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS	DRUGS: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK <input type="checkbox"/> TYPE:		TOTAL # ARRESTED		6-25-96 1746 6-26-96/1545			
NARRATIVE	Received a call from Dispatch that the Fire Department was answering a call at above location. Upon arrival, reporting officers & PCC just ask the complainant was there anyone in the apartment that was on fire, she responded that two small kids belonging to her was in the apartment. Reporting officers open the front door of the apartment after call into headquarters that kids was in the apartment, have help arrive quickly once the door was open to the apartment I didn't see no way I could go.							
	TYPE (GROUP)			TOTAL VALUE				
	STOLEN							
	DAMAGED							
	BURNED							
	RECOVERED							
	SEIZED							
	SUBJECT IDENTIFIED		SUBJECT LOCATED		<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> ADM. CLOSED		<input type="checkbox"/> ARRESTED UNDER 18	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARRESTED 18 AND OVER	
	REASON FOR DISCRETIONAL CLEARANCE: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> OFFENDER DEATH. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO PROSECUTION.		3. <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRADITION DENIED.		4. <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM DECLINES COOPERATION.		5. <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE - NO CUSTODY	
REPORTING OFFICER(S)		DATE	UNIT NUMBER	APPROVING OFFICER		DATE	UNIT NUMBER	
Wright-Bobby		6-25-96	9-13	ATTACHMENT 2				
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		OFFICER ATTACHMENT 2						

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SUPPLEMENTAL INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER

NCIC

960773

NO. ENTD.

ORIGINAL REPORT     
  SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT     
  ADDITIONAL VICTIMS     
  ADDITIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY     
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COPIES ORIGINAL     
  CASE STATUS CHANGE     
  ADDITIONAL OFFENDERS     
  ADDITIONAL RECOVERED PROPERTY

**VICT/SUBJ. I.D. OVERFLOW**

COMPLAINANT     
 NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)     
 VICTIM RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT     
 RESIDENT     
 RACE     
 SEX     
 AGE     
 D.O.B.     
 ETH

VICTIM # 1     
 #1 CH     
 #2     
 #3     
 J S O U     
 B F     
 29/2/82

SUBJECT #     
 HEIGHT     
 WEIGHT     
 HAIR     
 EYES     
 FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECUNIARITIES, ETC.

RUNAWAY     
 ADDRESS 360 RIX BRW     
 CITY     
 STATE     
 ZIP CODE     
 LOCATION NO.     
 DAY PHONE     
 EVENING PHONE

WANTED     
 ADDRESS     
 CITY     
 STATE     
 ZIP CODE     
 LOCATION NO.     
 DAY PHONE     
 EVENING PHONE

WARRANT     
 #1     
 #2     
 #3     
 J S O U     
 B F     
 29/2/82

ARREST     
 VICTIM NO. 2     
 VISIBLE INJURY:  NO  YES     
 COMPLAINT OF NON-VISIBLE INJURIES:  NO  YES     
 VICTIM USING ALCOHOL:  NO  YES  UNK     
 TWO-MAN VEHICLE  DETECTIVE/PLASMT.  ALONE

JAIL     
 EXPLAIN: Dead     
 DRUGS:  NO  YES TYPE:     
 UNK     
 ONE-MAN VEHICLE  OTHER  ASSISTED

SUMMONS     
 SUBJECT NO.     
 USING ALCOHOL:  NO  YES     
 UNK

    
 USING DRUGS:  NO  YES → TYPE:     
 UNK

**NARRATIVE**

- IN that way so myself and Just went to the back. The back door was lock as I pulled on it, also the back was worse than the front. The Fire Department arrived and we told them that there were in the apartment and the neighbor next door said she heard them up stairs. victim two was found upstairs and rush to the hospital and victim one was found down stair dead. victim 2 was pronounced dead later that evening.

**VEHICLE/GUN/ETC. 1**

STATUS      TYPE      VIN AND/OR LICENSE NO.      BOAT HULL NO. AND/OR REG. NO.

STOLEN       VEHICLE      SERIAL AND/OR OWNER APPLIED NO.      STATE

RECOVERED       GUN      YEAR OF REGISTRATION      YEAR OF EXPIRATION      YEAR      MAKE      TYPE

FOUND       BOAT      MODEL      STYLE      COLOR      BRAND NAME      CALIBER

TOWED       LICENSE PLATE      NIC NO.      DENOMINATION      ISSUER      SECURITIES DATE

SUSPECT       SECURITIES/BONDS, STOCKS      MISCELLANEOUS

VICTIM       ARTICLE

**ADMINISTRATIVE - PROPERTY EST.**

TYPE (GROUP)	STOLEN	DAMAGED	BURNED	RECOVERED	SEIZED	TOTAL VALUE

SUBJECT IDENTIFIED     
 SUBJECT LOCATED     
 ACTIVE     
 ADM. CLOSED     
 APPREHENDED UNDER 18     
 EX-CLEAR UNDER 18

REASON FOR EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE:  OFFENDER DEATH     
 2. NO PROSECUTION     
 3. EXTRADITION DENIED     
 4. VICTIM DECLINES COOPERATION     
 5. JUVENILE - NO CUSTODY

REPORTING OFFICER:      DATE:      UNIT NUMBER:      APPROVING OFFICER:      DATE:      UNIT NUMBER:

Leighton - Rubin      6-25-96      913

FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION  YES  NO      OFFICER: ATTACHMENT 2  
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# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

## Attachment A

**DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES**  
(To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 960904HCC 6315 Incident Date 6/25/96

A. **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand UNK

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Furniture Purchased: UNK Furniture Age \_\_\_\_\_

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)  
UNK

B. **POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE:** Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

- Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm  
 Back  Side  Underside  Crevice  
 Wok Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. **AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION** (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

- LT 5 yrs. old  5 - 14  15 - 64  65 +

D. **PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE** (Check):

\_\_\_ Lighter \_\_\_ Match \_\_\_ Candle \_\_\_ Heater \_\_\_ Fireplace

\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown

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# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

If lighter, specify type:  Child-resistant  Not child-resistant  Unknown

If match, specify type:  Book  Box  Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fuel source \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from furniture

## E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, specify type: SMOKE

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes  No  Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? UNK

## F. VICTIMS

2 Number of Deaths \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Injuries

## G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household: UNK

Less than high school  High school  Some College

12. Total household income: UNK

LT \$15,000  \$15,000 - \$34,999  \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: UNK

Rent  Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

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Helen Cash pl. fl.

MS 9/9/86

GP  
Boris  
9/19/86

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number N9680127A

Date of Incident 06/25/96 Category I.D. BUNN251996

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis X Section 15         

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call X On-Site         

Headquarters Contact Kimberly Long (301) 504 -0470 Ext 1269  
Backup - Linda Smith (301) 504-0470 Ext. 1275

Assignment Message

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Conduct as investigation of this case where a children playing with a lighter set fire to a couch. Determine if the age of the couch and the couch was new or used, if possible.

Find out what part of the furniture ignited.

If the cigarette lighter is a child resistant lighter, collect sample.

Describe incident scenario; photograph and identify manufacturer, model number and brand name of all products involved.

Please obtain fire incident report, medical insurance, and any other report of incident.

Complete Attached Data Record Sheet.

Person(s) to Contact Fire Department and victims

Guideline Number 19 Upholstered Furniture Fires

Requested By Kimberly Long

Task Number 960904 HCC 4315

Assigned to NYCO

Date 9-4-96

15 to 30 minutes when she noticed smoke coming from her apartment.

Cottingham then asked how the fire started.

Thomas said investigators believe [redacted] was playing with a lighter near a couch and set it on fire.

Cheraw Police Chief J. A. Graves said last week that investigators have ruled out an electrical fire, and know that the fire started in the den, so the boy lying near the lighter is the best theory they have.

"We sent some materials down to the State Law Enforcement Division for testing, and that takes some time," Graves said.

"So there's no indication this was intentionally set?" Cottingham asked Thomas at the hearing.

Thomas said no. "The reason for the charges is she showed neglect."

[redacted] admits

[redacted] died of burns and smoke inhalation, shortly after she was taken to Chesterfield General Hospital. [redacted] was found already dead inside the two-story apartment.

Thomas said that [redacted] would be staying with her mother if she was released, and that the Cheraw Police did not object to a personal recognizance bond, which meant she was released until her trial without paying any bond.

Thomas told Fourth Circuit Judge Edward Cottingham of Bennettville that [redacted] had given a "complete" statement and was cooperating with investigators.

"She said she laid the children in the bed for a nap and went across the field to visit someone," he said. "She said the children usually slept for an hour, and she just wanted to get outside for a few min-

utes. she doesn't have perfect parenting skills," Cheraw lawyer Pat Rivers told Cottingham. "She had her first child when she was 15."

"She's been crying non-stop since we came over here," Rivers said before the hearing. "We've been here since 9 o'clock."

The hearing didn't start until about 11:30 a.m.

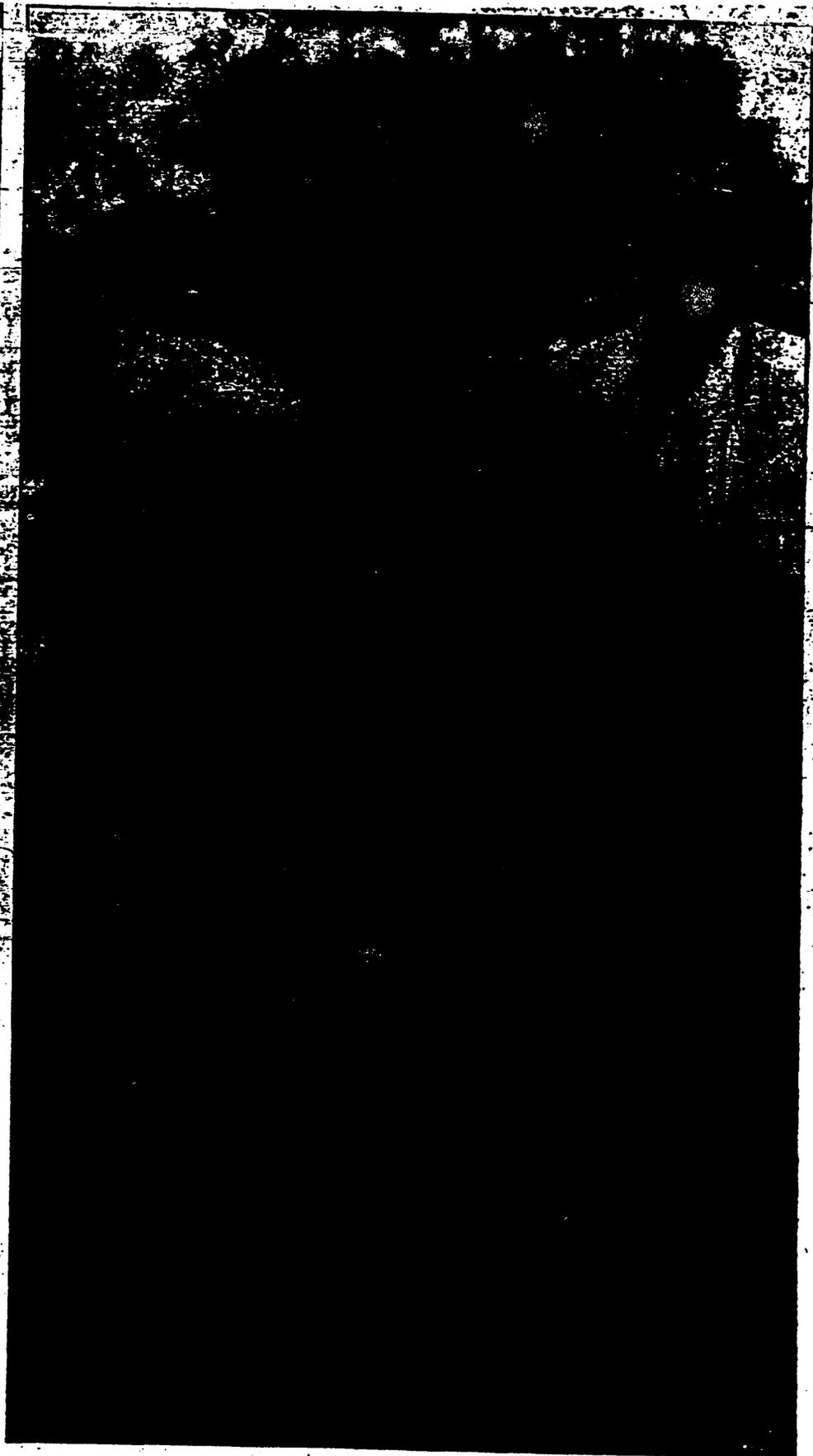
[redacted] sat looking down at the floor, her arms crossed, her chin resting on one hand, and her legs crossed, kicking her right leg up and down nervously before Cottingham began the bond hearing.

[redacted] answered one question Rivers asked before the hearing.

"Did you lose everything you had in the fire," Rivers said.

"Yes."

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Rescue worker Misty McCormick supports [redacted] as she learns the fate of two of her grandchildren who died in last Tuesday's fire. Marty Jackson/Staff

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CHRONICLE  
CHERAW, S. C.

AUG 27 1996

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# Police charge mother with homicide Children were by themselves when fatal fire started

By Stephen Guilfoyle  
Cheraw Staff

Cheraw Police don't believe [redacted] meant for her children to die in the fire [redacted] last week.

But the 19-year-old left her children alone, so she is now charged with two counts of homicide by child abuse. [redacted] was questioned and arrested on Wednesday, the day after the June 25 fire

that killed her two babies. She was held overnight at the Chesterfield County Detention Center, then released without paying a bond after a Thursday hearing in Bennettsville.

Cheraw Detective Keith Thomas said [redacted] is a lifelong resident of Cheraw and not likely to leave because she had to bury her 3-year-old son [redacted] and her 2-year-old daughter [redacted].



They were buried [redacted] in court June 27 on Sunday.

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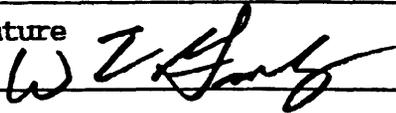
1. CASE NO. 960925HCN1873		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 0 2 9		3. OFFICE CODE 8 3 0		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT 9 6 0 8 0 9		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED 9 6 0 9 3 0		YR MO DAY			
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT: A fire originated in an upholstered chair in the living room of a home as the result of a 4 year old male playing with a child proof cigarette lighter. Reportedly, when the upholstered chair caught fire a small amount of carpet underneath the chair also burned. No injuries were involved.							
7. LOCATION(Home, school, etc.) home (living room)		8. CITY Conyers		9. STATE Georgia			
10A. FIRST PRODUCT upholstered chair		11a. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL #		[REDACTED]			
10B. SECOND PRODUCT cigarette lighter		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL		Pinkerton Group Inc. Richmond, VA.			
12. AGE OF VICTIM 9 9 9		13. SEX(Numerical code) Male -1 Female -2 Unknown-3		14. DISPOSITION no injury		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS no injury	
16. BODY PART no injury		17. RESPONDENT(S) occupant		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION On Site 1 Telephone 2 Other 3		19. TIME SPENT 0 8 0	
20. ATTACHMENTS multiple		21. CASE SOURCE fire dept.		22. REVIEWED BY 8 0 0 7		YR MO DAY 9 6 1 0 3 1	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (Non Neiss Cases Only) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
24. NARRATIVE(See Instructions on Other Side)				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

*Seating area*

(Use Other Side and Additional Sheets If Necessary)

## FIELD ACTIVITY COVERSHEET

8 NOV 1996

1 Region/State FOCR/ATL-SO		2 Operation (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		3 Date 9/30/96	
				4 Number 960925HCN1873	
5 Establishment Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Telephone _____					
6 Related firm <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name _____ City _____ State _____					
7 Products covered upholstered chair			8 Other consumer products cigarette lighter		
9 Establishment Type      unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Importer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/> Own label distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Repackager <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			10 Annual production      N/A Product covered \$ _____ units Other products \$ _____ units		
11 IS business N/A % received _____ % shipped _____		12 Samples collected none	13 MIS code 12165	14 Hours Activity      8 Travel      0	
15 Reason for activity Assignment 960925HCN1873 to conduct IDI as follow-up to a fire in Conyers, Georgia, involving a child playing with a cigarette lighter causing an upholstered chair to ignite.					
16 Announced _____ (Rationale for announced inspection) Unannounced _____					
17 Employee's Name Jimmie L. Barrett		Title Product Safety Investigator	Signature date		
18 <input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> Remarks <input type="checkbox"/> Summary <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ While playing with a disposable butane lighter, a 4 year old male ignited an upholstered chair. The ensuing fire caused moderate smoke and fire damages to the living room of a home. Both the lighter and chair had been discarded prior to this IDI.  F/U: None - HQ Project.					
19 Reviewer's Name William E. Gentry		Title Supervisory Investigator		Signature 	
20 Review Date 11/1/96		21 Distribution O: EDS, C: FOCR(IDI), FOER, CCM(MB), CS: BG, RF, JBB			

An on-site was not conducted at a home in Conyers, Georgia, where a fire originated in an upholstered chair as the result of a 4 year old male playing with a cigarette lighter. No injuries were involved.

Information in this report was provided by the mother of the 4 year old who was playing with the cigarette lighter (hereinafter referred to as respondent #1) the grandmother of the 4 year old who rents the home where the incident occurred (hereinafter referred to as respondent #2) and a captain with the fire department.

According to all respondents, the chair involved in this incident was destroyed in the fire. Respondent #2 indicated the chair was put out for the trash people to pick up. The captain with the fire department stated the cigarette lighter the child used to ignite the chair with was picked up by the fire department at the time of the incident but they did not keep it as evidence because they did not consider arson to be involved. For these reasons, an on-site was not conducted and no samples were collected.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

According to respondent #1, she and her children live with respondent #2 who is her mother. She stated that on the day of this incident, her mother (respondent #2) was home with a male friend and she was also keeping her 4 year old son at the time. Respondent #1 identified the male friend as being approximately 41 years of age.

According to respondent #2, respondent #1 has 3 children, a 4 year old, an 18 month and a 2 month old. Respondent #2 stated that on the day of this incident she got home from work at approximately 7:30 p.m.. She stated that at approximately 10:00 p.m. she went to the bedroom where she laid down across the bed and fell asleep. She stated she had a cigarette lighter and cigarette on the night stand in her bedroom. She also indicated when she laid down, the 4 year old was in the room with her. She stated her male friend was in another bedroom. Respondent #1 described the home as being a 3 bedroom, living room and kitchen with 1-1/2 baths.

According to respondent #2, while she was laying down, her 4 year old grandson got her cigarette lighter from the night stand beside her bed, went to the living room where there was an upholstered chair and sat the chair on fire with the lighter.

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According to respondent #2, there were no unusual circumstances occurring and no one was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. However, the captain with the fire department indicated that at the time of the incident the older adult male, who was identified as the friend of respondent #2, appeared to be drinking (amount unknown).

**ACCIDENT:**

On 8/9/96, at approximately 10:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. a fire originated in an upholstered chair in the living room of a home in Conyers, Georgia, as the result of a 4 year old male playing with a cigarette lighter. According to the captain with the fire department, there was also an area of the carpet (approximately 6 to 8 inches in diameter) which ignited in the area where the chair was sitting. He stated it is believed that the butane came out of the lighter and the lighter got hot and melted because the lighter was stuck to the carpet when they arrived on the scene. No injuries were involved and no medical attention was provided, according to respondent #1.

The attached Exhibit 1 report received from the fire department indicates in part "Revealed small child was playing with a lighter & set chair on fire. Homeowner took chair outside & sustain Minor Burns. EMS treated on scene. Everyone was out on our Arrival - Carpet, Curtains, & smoke damage was thru-out structure."

Respondent #2 stated that after the 4 year old set the chair on fire, he went into another bedroom where her male friend was and told him that the chair was on fire. She stated that her male friend then went to the living room, screamed for her and she woke up when she heard him calling her. She stated she also heard the smoke alarm. Respondent #1 indicated there was a smoke detector in the ceiling at the end of the hall. Respondent #2 stated her male friend took the chair outside where it was later picked up by the trash people. Respondent #1 stated she was not home at the time but when she arrived on the scene the fire and police personnel were on the scene. A copy of the police report is attached as Exhibit 3 Personnel at the police department stated this is the only report that was prepared.

The captain with the fire department indicated when the fire personnel arrived on the scene, the upholstered chair was outside but it was totally charred. He indicated the cigarette lighter was found stuck to the carpet laying beside where the chair had been sitting. He stated the battalion chief interviewed the child who admitted he had been playing with the cigarette lighter when the fire originated.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

One of the products involved was described by respondent #1, #2 and the captain with the fire department as being an upholstered chair. The captain indicated it was an upholstered chair with wooden arms. Respondent #2 stated her sister gave it to her approximately 1 year prior to the time of this incident and her sister had the chair approximately 2 years prior to this time. She stated the chair was purchased new approximately 1994 from Walker and Owen or Trading Center, Conyers, Georgia. She stated the upholstered chair had not been slip covered nor had it been reupholstered. She identified the chair as a [REDACTED]. The address for the manufacturer was obtained from The Trade Names Dictionary as being [REDACTED].

According to respondent #2, the cigarette lighter involved in this incident is a Cricket child proof lighter. She had no other information to provide about the lighter other than indicating she thought it was taken from the scene by the fire department. The captain with the fire department stated they picked up the cigarette lighter but to his knowledge did not keep it as evidence because they did not consider it to be arson.

Respondent #1 indicated the carpet which was burned was new carpet. However, none of the respondents were able to provide manufacturing information for the carpet.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit 1 - Fire Report received from fire department.
- 2 - DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES.
- 3 - Police Report.



# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

## Attachment A

### DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 960925 HCN1873 Incident Date 8/9/96

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand \_\_\_\_\_

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Furniture Purchased: Approx. 1994 Furniture Age 3 yrs. (Approx.)

6. Standard Certification Labeling: e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

unknown

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm

Back  Side  Underside  Crevice

Welt Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

LT 5 yrs. old  5 - 14  15 - 64  65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter  Match  Candle  Heater  Fireplace

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown

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If lighter, specify type:  Child-resistant  Not child-resistant  Unknown

If match, specify type:  Book  Box  Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fuel source \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from furniture

## E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, specify type: battery operated

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes  No  Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? immediately

## F. VICTIM(S)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Deaths \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Injuries

## G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

Less than high school  High school  Some College

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000  \$15,000 - \$34,999  \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: unknown

Rent  Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

1  COMPLETE  
2  CHANGE

A	FILE NO 12201	INCIDENT NO P2973	EXP NO 00	DATE 08/19/96	DAY OF WEEK Friday	ALARM TIME 6:22:59	ARRIVAL TIME 23011	TIME IN SERVICE 123130	
B	TYPE OF SITUATION BEHIND Structure Fire					TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN Put Fire out	MUTUAL AID <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVED <input type="checkbox"/> GIVEN		
C	TYPE OF PROPERTY USE ONE Family Dwelling			IGNITION FACTOR Child Playing		CENSUS TRACT 1411			
D	CONNECT ADDRESS [REDACTED]					ZIP CODE 30024	CENSUS TRACT 1411		
E	OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST) [REDACTED]					TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	ROOM OR APT N/A		
F	OWNER [REDACTED]					ADDRESS [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	
G	METHOD OF REPORTING Direct to Fire Dept					DISTRICT 11	SHIFT D	NO ALARMS 1 11	
H	NUMBER FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED 10/11		NUMBER ENGINES RESPONDED 00/3		NUMBER AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED 00/1		NUMBER OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED 00/2		

COMPLETE FOR ALL INCIDENTS

I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE: 00/0 OTHER: 00/2		NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE: 00/0 OTHER: 00/0	
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COMPLETE IF CASUALTY

J	COMPLEX ONE Family Dwelling	MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE 1411	108
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN not Classified	EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION lighter	108
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION Lighter	TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED unknown	FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED chair
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT Presumptive hose line with	LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN Grade	ESTIMATED LOSS (DOLLARS ONLY) 11113000

COMPLETE FOR ALL FIRES

see back

Percentage of Structure Destroyed - Less Than 50% ( ) More Than 50% ( )

N	NUMBER OF STORIES 1 stories	CONSTRUCTION TYPE Protected Wood Frame	11	12
O	EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE Confined to part of room of origin	EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE undetermined	12	10
P	DETECTOR PERFORMANCE yes operated	SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE no sprinklers	12	18
Q	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN unknown	TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE unknown	AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL Corridor	12
R	FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE unknown	100		

COMPLETE IF STRUCTURE FIRE

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Date: 8/13/96

S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	LICENSE NO.
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	

CHECK IF COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE

EXJ  
BUNN 25  
12165

OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT): R. James Lt. ENG-1	DATE 8-9-96
MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):	DATE

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Rockdale County Fire Department

Gallons Of Water Used: 75 GAL

Engines & Other Equipment Responding: E-1-E-7-ES L-7 201  
Sg 1

Volunteers & Off-Duty: none

On-Duty Personnel: Lt R James, FAO SE Smith, Lt Simoes, Lt A Abbott, FF Scroggins  
Chief Poole, Capt White, Lt Hall, FAO C. Norton, FAO Peters, Lt Prawitt

Description Of Incident: Eng 1 Personnel Arrived  
ON SCENE ALONG W/ 201 -<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Eng 7, Eng 8, EMS 625, L-7,  
E-1 Pull FIRE LINE & EXTINGUISHED A CHAIR IN  
THE FRONT YARD, 201 & Capt. CHECK FOR FIRE  
IN LIVING ROOM, EMS 625 WAS ASSIGNED Pt.  
CARE - , EMS - 7 PERSONEL DID SEARCH & RESCUE &  
LATER VENTILATION WITH LADDER 7 PERSONEL -  
Sg I & Eng 8 WERE PUT BACK IN SERVICE, AFTER  
STRUCTURE WAS CLEAR OF ALL FIRE. -

OUR INVESTIGATION REVELED SMALL CHILD WAS  
PLAYING WITH A LIGHTER & SET CHAIR ON FIRE.  
HOMEOWNER DROVE CHAIR OUT SIDE - & SUSTAIN  
MINOR BURNS. EMS TREATED ON SCENE. EVERYONE WAS  
OUT ON OUR ARRIVAL. - CARPET, CURTAINS, & SMOKE  
DAMAGED WAS THRU-OUT STRUCTURE. NOSPAT. 444  
E.A. 1

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# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

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Revised Page 9 December 12, 1994

## UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (For Open Flame Ignition Fires Only)

Complete Attachment A and attach to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report, along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report.

### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background Information

Upholstered furniture remains the consumer product associated with more fire deaths than any other product within CPSC's jurisdiction. During 1991, about 16,600 residential fires involved ignitions of upholstered furniture that resulted in 700 deaths, over 2,000 injuries and nearly \$300 million in property damage. Two-thirds (470) of the deaths and more than half (1,160) of the injuries resulted from smoldering-ignition smoking fires primarily from cigarettes; about one-fifth (150) of the deaths and one-fourth (580) of the injuries resulted from open-flame ignition fires (mostly involving matches and lighters).

Smoking fire deaths declined by 59 percent since 1980. At present a voluntary program exists to address cigarette ignition of upholstered furniture fires.

Open-flame related fire deaths declined by only 25 percent since 1980. This information reveals that small open flame fires constitute a significant problem that has not been previously addressed in a nationwide standard, voluntary or otherwise. In May 1994, the Commission voted to begin rulemaking to develop an open flame test for upholstered furniture.

The purpose of these investigations is to provide further information and details about hazard scenarios and materials involved in open-flame ignition of upholstered furniture.

# CITY OF CONYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

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DATE	10-30-96
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TO	INV Barrett
COMPANY NAME	
FAX NUMBER	(770) 482-0173
REFERENCE	Fire call Irwin Bridge Rd

FROM	Karla FRAZIER
NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING COVER)	2
COMMENTS	Communications

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1194 SCOTT STREET  
CONYERS, GA 30207  
(770) 483-6800 (MAIN NUMBER) - (770) 785-5041 (FAX)  
(770) 929-4201 (OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE)

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CONYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 VisionCAD Operations Report

1 AGENCY CONYERS POLICE ORI GA12201		2 Person Recvg Complaint FRANKLIN,P		3 DATE / TIME Received 08/08/96 : 2259.00 Friday		5 Time Arrived 2302.00		7 Case Number 94036113		
				4 Time Dispatched 2259.00		6 Time Complete 2331.00				
8 Nature of Incident		FIRE H : FIRE FIRE RESIDENTIAL/HOUSE OR APT S32 CHAIR FRONT YARD ON FIRE								
9 Location of Incident		[REDACTED]								
10 Victim/Complainant Accused		JACKSON VIRGINIA								
12 Classification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Police <input type="checkbox"/> Crime <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Spec Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Services			Time Transmitted 0000.00 Time Shipped 2259.00		14 Disposition <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> See Inv Rpt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (NO)		15 Officer Assigned 531		17 Date Submitted 08/09/96	
							16 Officer's Signature			

Report Printed : 10/30/96 18:37:12  
 Priority = 1 Dept = MULT Tract = NONE Patrol = N1 Category = LAWFIR  
 Dispositions = 03  
 Fire Alarm = 1

Officer	Unit	Dist	ENCS	Onk	Left	Post	Dist	Unit	Dist	Post	Dist	Number
TAYLOR	531		2259	2102								2131 CPD 66024045
	RCFD		2102									2131 RCFD 96000060
HANLIN	559	2330		2303								2131 CPD 96024055
CALVERT	576			2304								2307 CPD 96024059

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Rockdale County FIRE DEPARTMENT

A	FDID 122011	INCIDENT NO 02973	EXP NO 00080998	DAY Friday	ALARM TIME 6:25A	ARRIVAL TIME 2301	TIME IN SERVICE 12330
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND Structure FIRE		TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN Put Fire out		MUTUAL AID <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVED		
C	PROPERTY USE ONE Family Dwelling		IGNITION FACTOR Child Playing		CENSUS TRACT 41F		
D	ADDRESS [REDACTED] CONYER GA		ZIP CODE 30206		ROOM OR APT N/A		
E	OCCUPANT NAME [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE [REDACTED]		ROOM OR APT N/A		
F	OWNER (LAST FIRST MI) [REDACTED]		ADDRESS [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE [REDACTED]		
G	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC Direct to Fire Dept		DISTRICT 11		SHIFT D		NO ALARMS 1 11
H	NUMBER FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED 6/11		NUMBER ENGINES RESPONDED 6/3		NUMBER AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED 6/1		NUMBER OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED 6/2

COMPLETE FOR ALL INCIDENTS

I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE 6/0	OTHER 6/0	NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE 6/0	OTHER 6/0
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COMPLETE IF CASUALTY

J	COMPLEX ONE Family Dwelling	MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE no mobile	1411	108
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN not classified	EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION Lighter	199	150
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION Lighter	TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED unknown	1411	60
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT connected hose line with	LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN Grade	16	13000

COMPLETE FOR ALL FIRES

Percentage of Structure Destroyed - Less Than 50% (4) More Than 50% ( )

N	NUMBER OF STORIES 1 stories	CONSTRUCTION TYPE Protected Wood Frame	11	12
O	EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE Continued to part of room of origin	EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE undetermined	12	0
P	DETECTOR PERFORMANCE yes operated	SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE no sprinklers	13	18
Q	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN unknown	AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL Corridor	60	12
R	FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE unknown		60	

COMPLETE IF STRUCTURE FIRE

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S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	LICENSE NO.
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	

IN scope - assigned by FCR to

CHECK IF COMMENT'S ON REVERSE SIDE

U	OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT) James Lt EN61	DATE 8-9-96
	MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	DATE

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Rockdale County Fire Department

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Gallons Of Water Used: 75 GAL

Engines & Other Equipment Responding: E-1-E-7-E-8 L-7 201-

Sgt 1

Volunteers & Off-Duty: none

On-Duty Personnel: Lt R James, FAO Smith, Lt Simoes, Lt A Abbit, FF Scroggins  
Chief Poole, Capt White, Lt Hall, FAO C. Norton, FAO Peters, Lt Prewitt

Description Of Incident: Eng 1 Personnel Arrived

ON SCENE ALONG W/ 201 - 1/2 E-7, ENG 8, EMS 625, L-7, Sq. 1  
E-1 Pull FIRE LINE & EXTINGUISHED A CHAIR IN  
THE FRONT YARD, 201 & Capt. CHECK FOR FIRE  
IN LIVING ROOM, EMS 625 WAS ASSIGNED Pt.  
CARE - , EMS - 7 Personnel Did search & RESCUE &  
Later Ventilation with Ladder 7 personnel -  
Sgt 1 & ENG 8 WERE Put BACK IN SERVICE, AFTER  
STRUCTURE WAS CLEAR OF ALL FIRE. -

OUR INVESTIGATION REVELED SMALL CHILD WAS  
PLAYING WITH A LIGHTER & SET CHAIR ON FIRE.  
Homeowner DROVE CHAIR OUT SIDE - & SUSTAIN  
MINOR BURNS. EMS TREATED ON SCENE. EVERYONE WAS  
OUT ON OUR ARRIVAL. - Carpet, Curtains, & SMOKE  
DAMAGED WAS THRU-OUT STRUCTURE. NPAT. SAN

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Georgia CASUALTY REPORT

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A	FDID <b>5</b> 12201	Incident No. C02973	Exp. No. 016	Mo. 08	Day 09	Year 96	Day of Week Friday	Alarm Time 6 22:59		
Casualty Number <u>0102</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Delete <input type="checkbox"/> Change										
GA	Casualty Last Name [REDACTED]			First Name [REDACTED]			MI	D.O.B. 05-30-53	Age 43	Time of Injury 2/25/96
GB	Home Address [REDACTED]								Telephone [REDACTED]	
GC	SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		CASUALTY TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Casualty <input type="checkbox"/> Action Casualty <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Casualty		SEVERITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Death		AFFILIATION <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other Emergency Personnel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civilian			
GD	Familiarity With Structure <u>Over 1 year</u>		Location of Ignition <u>Space of fire origin</u>		Condition Before Injury <u>Awake</u>					
GE	Condition Preventing Escape <u>No Conditions</u>		Activity at Time of Injury <u>Fire Control</u>		Cause of Injury <u>Contact with</u>					
GF	Nature of Injury <u>Burns Only</u>		Part of Body Injured <u>Arms</u>		Disposition <u>Treated at scene &amp; released</u>					
<input type="checkbox"/> See Remarks on Back <input type="checkbox"/> See Additional Report										

CASUALTY 1

Casualty Number <u>0101</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Delete <input type="checkbox"/> Change										
GA	Casualty Last Name [REDACTED]			First Name [REDACTED]			MI	D.O.B. 05-10-92	Age 04	Time of Injury 2/25/96
GB	Home Address [REDACTED]								Telephone [REDACTED]	
GC	SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		CASUALTY TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Casualty <input type="checkbox"/> Action Casualty <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Casualty		SEVERITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Death		AFFILIATION <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other Emergency Personnel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civilian			
GD	Familiarity With Structure <u>Over 1 year</u>		Location at Ignition <u>Space of fire origin</u>		Condition Before Injury <u>Awake</u>					
GE	Condition Preventing Escape <u>No condition</u>		Activity at Time of Injury <u>Irrational action</u>		Cause of Injury <u>Rubbed by</u>					
GF	Nature of Injury <u>Burn only</u>		Part of Body Injured <u>Foot</u>		Disposition <u>Treated at scene &amp; released</u>					
<input type="checkbox"/> See Remarks on Back <input type="checkbox"/> See Additional Report										

CASUALTY 2

Casualty Number <u>  </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Delete <input type="checkbox"/> Change										
GA	Casualty Last Name			First Name			MI	D.O.B.	Age	Time of Injury
GB	Home Address								Telephone	
GC	SEX <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		CASUALTY TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Casualty <input type="checkbox"/> Action Casualty <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Casualty		SEVERITY <input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Death		AFFILIATION <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other Emergency Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian			
GD	Familiarity With Structure		Location at Ignition		Condition Before Injury					
GE	Condition Preventing Escape		Activity at Time of Injury		Cause of Injury					
GF	Nature of Injury		Part of Body Injured		Disposition					
<input type="checkbox"/> See Remarks on Back <input type="checkbox"/> See Additional Report										

CASUALTY 3

FM 90

*EV. 2*

Officer in Charge (Name, Position, Assignment) <u>R. James Lt Eng #1</u>	Date <u>08-09-96</u>
Member Making Report (If Different From Above) <u>Stacy Smith FAO Eng #1</u>	Date <u>08-09-96</u>



Name: [Redacted] Address: [Redacted] City: [Redacted] State: GA Zip Code: 30207 Patient's Signature for Refusal of Transport: [Redacted] Treatment: <input type="checkbox"/>		REG: 3 CENSUS TRACT: 160307 COUNTY: 122 AGE: 04 RACE: [Redacted]		<b>SIGNATURES</b> Medic 1 Sig: [Redacted] Level: [Redacted] Number: 18285 Medic 2 Sig: [Redacted] Level: [Redacted] Number: [Redacted] Medic 3 Sig: [Redacted] Level: [Redacted] Number: [Redacted]									
<b>PRIORITY</b> 911 Used? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RESPONSE MODE</b> TO SCENE: Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Emerg <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> FROM SCENE: Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Emerg <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>MILEAGE</b> OUT: [Redacted] IN: [Redacted]		<b>INCIDENT LOCATION</b> Detention Cent <input type="checkbox"/> Road-Co <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Water <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Event <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> In Res <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Out Res <input type="checkbox"/> Rec Event <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>INJURY MECHANISM</b> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Firearm <input type="checkbox"/> ATV <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery <input type="checkbox"/> Bite <input type="checkbox"/> Pedal <input type="checkbox"/> Crush <input type="checkbox"/> Drowning <input type="checkbox"/> Explosion <input type="checkbox"/> Falling Obj <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>PROTECT DEV</b> Air Bag <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Lap Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Belt/Lap Belt <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>SEVERITY</b> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Extn > 15 Min <input type="checkbox"/> Flail Chest <input type="checkbox"/> Card Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Limb Paralysis <input type="checkbox"/> Ped vs MV 5 MPH <input type="checkbox"/> Rollover <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>ILLNESS/SYMPOM</b> Abd Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Inhaled <input type="checkbox"/> GVA/TA <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea <input type="checkbox"/> Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Poison <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure <input type="checkbox"/> Fever <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Exp <input type="checkbox"/> Syncope <input type="checkbox"/> W/itches <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SYSTOLIC</b> [Redacted] <b>DIASTOLIC</b> [Redacted] <b>PULSE</b> [Redacted] <b>RESP PUPILS</b> [Redacted]		<b>GCS</b> EYE: 2 90 Spontan To Voice: 70-90 To Pain: 50-70 None: 1-40 No Pulse: 0		<b>SYS B/P</b> [Redacted] <b>RESP RATE</b> [Redacted] <b>EKG</b> [Redacted]		<b>INJURY SITE &amp; TYPE</b> Head <input type="checkbox"/> Face <input type="checkbox"/> Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Neck <input type="checkbox"/> Chest <input type="checkbox"/> Back <input type="checkbox"/> Abdomen <input type="checkbox"/> Pelvis <input type="checkbox"/> Arm <input type="checkbox"/> Leg <input type="checkbox"/> Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Foot <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>MED 1 ID</b> [Redacted] <b>MED 2 ID</b> [Redacted] <b>MED 3 ID</b> [Redacted]					
<b>CARE RENDERED</b> 12 Lead <input type="checkbox"/> Airway Main <input type="checkbox"/> Asst Deliv <input type="checkbox"/> Asst Vent <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Vent <input type="checkbox"/> Bleed Contr <input type="checkbox"/> Card Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> CPR <input type="checkbox"/> C-Spine <input type="checkbox"/> Glucose Test <input type="checkbox"/> Pulse Ox <input type="checkbox"/> O2 <input type="checkbox"/> Spm <input type="checkbox"/> Splints <input type="checkbox"/> Suction <input type="checkbox"/> Traction Splint <input type="checkbox"/> Wound Dressed <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>PROCEDURE</b> Auto Defib <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovert <input type="checkbox"/> Chest Decomp <input type="checkbox"/> Defib-Man <input type="checkbox"/> Esoph Air <input type="checkbox"/> ET/NT <input type="checkbox"/> Intraosseous <input type="checkbox"/> IV #1 <input type="checkbox"/> IV #2 <input type="checkbox"/> IV #3 <input type="checkbox"/> MAST <input type="checkbox"/> Needle Cric <input type="checkbox"/> Pacing <input type="checkbox"/> Vagal Man <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> [Redacted]		<b>MEDICATION</b> Adenosine <input type="checkbox"/> Glucagon <input type="checkbox"/> Alupent <input type="checkbox"/> Ipecac <input type="checkbox"/> Atropine <input type="checkbox"/> IV Sol. <input type="checkbox"/> Bretyliol <input type="checkbox"/> Lido 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Catacaline <input type="checkbox"/> Valium <input type="checkbox"/> D.5 <input type="checkbox"/> Morphine <input type="checkbox"/> Dopamine <input type="checkbox"/> Nitro <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>DOSE</b> [Redacted] <b>ROUTE</b> [Redacted] <b>TIME</b> [Redacted]		<b>STAND ORD</b> [Redacted] <b>DEST</b> [Redacted]			
<b>SERVICE #</b> [Redacted] <b>UNIT</b> [Redacted]		<b>DATE</b> [Redacted] <b>REQUEST</b> [Redacted] <b>DISPATCH</b> [Redacted]		<b>RESPOND</b> [Redacted] <b>AT SCENE</b> [Redacted] <b>EXTRI COMP</b> [Redacted]		<b>ENROUTE</b> [Redacted] <b>ARRIVAL</b> [Redacted] <b>IN SERVICE</b> [Redacted]		<b>DEST CODE</b> [Redacted]					
<b>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY</b> Status: [Redacted] Arrive ED: [Redacted] GCS: [Redacted] RTM: [Redacted] Chief Complaint: [Redacted]		<b>NARRATIVE</b> Pt had minor burn on (4) feet. EMS. Treated Pt. We made contact & put out fire. NO AT. Refused transport & treatment.		<b>FORM NO. 7500-GDHR</b> 2240423									

EX.2

1. TASK NUMBER 961004HWE4079		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8310		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>
3. OFFICE CODE 871	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT 4-14-96	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 10-10-96		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 10 year old boy was sitting on a loveseat in the back patio of his residence playing with a book match. The heat from the match apparently caused him to drop it on a plastic cover over the loveseat. He reported that he put water on the match. Approximately 2 hours after the fire play the boy's mother observed smoke coming from the seat. The fire was extinguished by the mother. <del>The fire department was summoned, but the fire was out before they arrived. No one was injured.</del> The boys's mother thought that the <u>bottom cushion</u> on one side was ignited first.				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Patio		8. CITY Glendale		9. STATE CA
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Matchbook 1728		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Unknown		10C. MODEL NUMBER
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS Unknown				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT Loveseat 0679		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME Unknown		11C. MODEL NUMBER n/a
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS Unknown				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 999	13. SEX 9	14. DISPOSITION No injury 0		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS No injury 71
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED 99	17. RESPONDENT Mother 2	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION Telephone 2		19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 6
20. ATTACHMENT(S) Documents 2	21. CASE SOURCE Fire Department 01		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER 97-860-5601	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY) No				
24. REVIEW DATE Oct. 17, 1996	25. REVIEWED BY Keven Barton, SPSP		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR	
27. DISTRIBUTION O:EHDS CC:				

The information contained in this report was obtained during a telephone conversation with the mother of the boy who started the fire. The loveseat involved in the fire has been destroyed.

#### PRE EVENT

The loveseat involved in the event was purchased approximately six years prior to the event. It was placed in an outside patio of the single family residence where the event occurred. It was covered by a light plastic sheet intended to be used to protect surfaces during painting operations.

A 10 year old male occupant of the residence sat on the loveseat and played with book matches. The heat from a match apparently threatened to burn his fingers. He dropped the match on the plastic cover over the loveseat. He indicated that he put water on the match. The boy had never played with fire before the event.

#### EVENT

Approximately two hours after the fire play the boy's mother observed smoke coming from the patio area. She went to the patio and saw the loveseat on fire. She indicated that the fire had started on the bottom cushion on one side. The rattan of the loveseat was burning. The plastic cover over the loveseat had fallen to the floor.

#### POST EVENT

The boy's mother extinguished the fire and called the fire department. When they arrived the fire was out.

No smoke detector had been installed on the patio.

Noone was injured in the fire.

The residence where the fire occurred was estimated to be valued at \$450,000. The head of the household is a doctor.

#### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The loveseat involved in the event was purchased new approximately 6 years ago. The purchase price is unknown. The loveseat had not been recovered. The sides of the seat were rattan.

The loveseat was covered by a sheet of light plastic. The loveseat fabric is a woven material. Beneath the outer fabric was a layer of polyfil material then polyurethane foam.

A sample of the upholstery material was collected by the fire department and submitted under sample number 97-860-5601. The submitted material consisted of the outer fabric, the polyfil underlayer and the polyurethane foam. Only the outer fabric was submitted as per directive instructions.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Glendale Fire Department Field Incident Report number 96-4054.
2. Data Recording Sheet for Upholstered Furniture Fires.
3. Copy of collection report 97-860-5601.

## FIELD ACTIVITY COVERSHEET

<b>1. REGION/STATE</b> FOWR	<b>2. OPERATION (Check One)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Other [                      ]	<b>3. DATE</b> 10-10-96  <b>4. NUMBER (For RO Use)</b> 971004HWE4079
<b>5. ESTABLISHMENT</b> Name    Unknown    Address                      City                      State                      Zip                      Telephone		
<b>6. RELATED FIRM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Name [                      ]    City [                      ]    State [                      ]		
<b>7. PRODUCTS COVERED</b> Loveseat	<b>8. OTHER CONSUMER PRODUCTS</b> [                      ]	
<b>9. ESTABLISHMENT TYPE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Importer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/> Own Label Distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Repackager <input type="checkbox"/> Other [                      ]	<b>10. ANNUAL PRODUCTION</b> Product Covered \$    Units [                      ] Other Products \$    Units [                      ]	
<b>11. I.S. BUSINESS</b> % Received [                      ] % Shipped [                      ]	<b>12. SAMPLES COLLECTED</b> 97-860-5601	<b>13. MIS CODE</b> 12165
<b>14. HOURS</b> Activity [ 6                      ] Travel [ 0                      ]		
<b>15. REASON FOR ACTIVITY (Assignment Reference)</b> Follow up to fire department report of an upholstered furniture fire.		
<b>16. ANNOUNCED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Rationale for Announced Inspection <b>UNANNOUNCED</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17. EMPLOYEE'S NAME</b> Roger C. Burrows	<b>TITLE</b> Resident Invest.	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
<b>18. (X) ENDORSEMENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> REMARKS <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ A 10 year old boy set fire to a loveseat with a book match. He had been playing with the match and dropped it when it threatened to burn his fingers. The match fell on a plastic cover over the furniture. Smoke from the burning upholstery was noticed about 2 hours after the fire play.  Follow up: Refer to EHDS		
<b>19. REVIEWER'S NAME</b> Keven Barton	<b>TITLE</b> Supervisor	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
<b>20. REVIEW DATE</b> Oct. 17, 1996	<b>21. DISTRIBUTION</b> O: EHDS Mattie McDonald, cc: EHHA (Kim Long), FOWR LOS IDI file, c/s: FOWR (L. Baxter, L. Cornell, K. Barton)	



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EXHIBIT (H)

Agcy GL Case #96-4054 Reported Date 04/14/1996 Time 15:49:11

Loc 1021 [REDACTED] CA 91201  
Map 55C Census 000000 Fire Dist 0245 Insp Dist  
Coord: X Y

Jurisdictional Station FIRE STATION 24  
Alarm Method TELEPHONE TIE-LINE TO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Alarm Level 1 This incident is owned by Purge Date

Dispatch Date 04/14/1996 Time 15:49:17  
Enroute Date 04/14/1996 Time 15:50:49  
Onscene Date 04/14/1996 Time 15:54:16  
Closed Date 04/14/1996 Time 16:56:50

Response Time: Minutes 4 Sec 59 Incident Duration: Hours 1 Min 7

ALL INCIDENTS

Exp # 0 Location [REDACTED] GLENDALE, CA 91201  
Map 55C Census 000000 Fire Dist 0245 Insp Dist  
Coord: X Y

Fire Haz Severity Zone UNKNOWN  
Shift C SHIFT  
Multi Agcy Inc #

Situations Found: 1 OTHER OUTSIDE FIRE  
2  
3  
4

Investigative Status DETERMINED BY PLATOON INVESTIGATOR  
Aid Type NO AUTO/MUTUAL AID RECV'D OR PROVIDED  
Aid Agency  
Weather CLEAR  
Temperature 75

General Property Use ONE-OR TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE  
Specific Property Use ONE-FAMILY DWELLING/YEAR-ROUND USE  
Management PRIVATE TAX-PAYING PROPERTY  
Occupancy Type DWELLINGS AND LODGING HOUSES.  
Structure Type BLDG W/ONE SPECIFIC PROPERTY USE  
Structure Status IN USE W/FURNISH AND PROPERTY USED  
Occupied at time of Inc STRUCTURE OR VEHICLE WAS OCCUPIED

Number Responding: Career 5 Volunteer  
Engines 1 Trucks  
Rescue-Med Other 1

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Fire Service Casualties:	Injuries	0	Fatalities	0
Non-Fire Service Casualties:	Injuries	0	Fatalities	0

Other Actions Taken: 1 INVESTIGATE  
 2  
 3  
 4

Local Studies: 1  
 2  
 3  
 4

Statewide: 5  
 6

UNIT INFORMATION

Unit ENGINE 24  
 Role FIRST IN UNIT  
 Crew Action Taken: 1  
 2

Distance Travelled                      Dispatch Date 04/14/1996      Time 15:49:17

PERSONNEL

Role OIC  
 DID G001                      Name ACKERMAN, EDWARD  
 Condition

Role DRIV  
 DID G018                      Name BUCKHALTER, ROBERT  
 Condition

Role CREW  
 DID G156                      Name WIDNER, KEVIN  
 Condition

Role CREW  
 DID G079                      Name LAUNIUS, ROBERT  
 Condition

EQUIPMENT

Unit INVESTIGATOR 26  
 Role SUPPORT  
 Crew Action Taken: 1  
 2

Distance Travelled  
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EQUIPMENT  
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SIGNATURES AND ACTIVITY  
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Action INCIDENT CLOSED - STATISTICS SENT

Date 04/14/1996

Employee: DID G001  
Name ACKERMAN, EDWARD  
Rank  
Assignment

NARRATIVE  
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G001 04/14/1996  
E24C

E24C RESPONDED TO A REPORTED REFUSE FIRE OUTSIDE OF 1021 TRAFALGER DR. E24 FOUND A BURNT SOFA THAT WAS EXTINGUISHED BY OCCUPANTS OF THE ABOVE ADDRESS. FAMILY MEMBERS WERE IN THE KITCHEN/DEN AREA AND THE 10/M SON WAS IN THE REAR YARD WHEN THE FIRE OCCURRED. THE SON, GEORGE, DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FIRE. A SHIFT INVESTIGATOR WAS REQUESTED. ENG MILLER INVESTIGATED AND INTERVIEWED GEORGE. GEORGE ADMITTED TO PLAYING WITH MATCHES AND STARTING THE FIRE. GEORGE'S PARENTS WERE ADVISED OF HIS ADMITTING TO THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE SOFA.

ALL FIRES  
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Actions Taken: 1 INVESTIGATE  
2  
3  
4

Area of Fire Origin COURT, TERRAC PATIO  
Level of Fire Origin A01  
Horizontal Distance  
Form of Heat MATCH  
Ignition Factor CHILDREN PLAYING WITH HEAT SOURCES  
Type Material First Ignited PLASTIC COATED FABRIC  
Form Material First Ignited UPHOLSTERED SOFA, CHAIR, VEHICLE SEATS

Contributing Factors: 1 JUVENILE ACTIVITY  
 2  
 Sex of First Suspect MALE  
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 Age of First Suspect 10  
 Sex of Second Suspect  
 Age of Second Suspect

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Method of Extinguishment MAKESHIFT AIDS  
 Fuel Model FUEL MODEL NOT APPLICABLE  
 Acres Burned

Property Value	\$450,000	Loss	\$500	Insured Loss	\$450,000
Contents Value	\$450,000	Loss	\$500	Insured Loss	\$450,000

Equipment Involved in Ignition:  
 Type NO EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION  
 Year  
 Make  
 Model  
 Serial No

STRUCTURE FIRE  
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Construction Type TYPE V PREVIOUSLY CALLED WOOD FRAME  
 Roof Covering TILE (CLAY, CEMENT, SLATE, ETC.)  
 Number of Stories 2

Extent of Damage: Flame CONFINED TO THE OBJECT OF ORIGIN  
 Smoke CONFINED TO PART ROOM OF ORIGIN  
 Water NO DAMAGE OF THIS TYPE

Smoke: Type of Material PLASTIC COATED FABRIC  
 Form of Material UPHOLSTERED SOFA, CHAIR, VEHICLE SEATS  
 Avenue of Travel AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL UNDETERMINED

Detection System:  
 Type SMOKE DETECTOR UNDETERMINED PRINCIPLE  
 Performance DETECTOR NOT IN ROOM IT ALERTED OCCUPANT  
 Reason for Failure  
 Power Supply

Extinguish System:  
 Type NO EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM  
 Performance  
 Reason for Failure

Sprinkler Heads  
 Type  
 Number Activated

PERSON INFORMATION

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Role FATHER  
Name MAHOMAR, FAUZY

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Sex M Race WHITE  
DOB Age Soc Sec #

Type HOME Address [REDACTED]  
Type Address  
Home # [REDACTED] Work # Hrs

Note:

Role OCCUPANT  
Name MAHOMAR, GEORGE

Sex M Race WHITE  
DOB 06/17/1985 Age 10 Soc Sec #

Type HOME Address [REDACTED]  
Type Address  
Home # [REDACTED] Work # Hrs

Note: SON

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GENERAL EMS  
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EMS DETAIL  
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NON-FIRE SERVICE FIRE CASUALTY  
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FIRE SERVICE CASUALTY  
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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT  
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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DETAILS  
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MOBILE PROPERTY  
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## INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

### Attachment A

### DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 961004HWE4079 Incident Date 4-14-96

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other loveseat

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand Unknown

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Furniture Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Furniture Age 6 years

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

Unknown

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm

Back  Side  Underside  Crevice

Welt Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

LT 5 yrs. old  5 - 14  15 - 64  65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

\_\_\_\_ Lighter  Match \_\_\_\_ Candle \_\_\_\_ Heater \_\_\_\_ Fireplace

\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Unknown

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Role FATHER  
Name MAHOMAR, FAUZY

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Sex M Race WHITE  
DOB Age Soc Sec #

Type HOME Address [REDACTED]  
Type Address  
Home # [REDACTED] Work # Hrs

Note:

Role OCCUPANT  
Name MAHOMAR, GEORGE

Sex M Race WHITE  
DOB 06/17/1985 Age 10 Soc Sec #

Type HOME Address [REDACTED]  
Type Address  
Home # [REDACTED] Work # Hrs

Note: SON

GENERAL EMS

EMS DETAIL

NON-FIRE SERVICE FIRE CASUALTY

FIRE SERVICE CASUALTY

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DETAILS

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT

1. Sample Flag		2. Date Collected 10/10/96	3. Sample Type and Number: 97-860-5601 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical <input type="radio"/> Documentary	
4a Product Name FURNITURE FABRIC		4b Model	4c NEISS 0647	5. Assignment Number 961004HWE4079
6. Complete for Import Samples Port of Entry: _____ Country of Origin: _____ Entry No. and Date: _____ Customs Contact: _____			7. MIS 12165	8. Hours Activity _____ Travel _____ 2 0
10. Sample Cost		11. Invoice Value of Lot		12. Size of Lot Units
13. Manufacturer/Importer #		14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer		15. Dealer/Import Broker # [REDACTED] GLENDALE, CA
16. Supporting documents attached: Invoice No. and Date: _____ Date Shipped: _____ Shipping Record and Date: _____ Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: _____				
17. Product Identification: Burned brown and black upholstery fabric. 9 1/2" X 7". It is unknown where on the loveseat the sample was collected.				
18. Reason for collection/analysis needed: <input type="radio"/> FHSA <input type="radio"/> CPSA <input checked="" type="radio"/> FFA <input type="radio"/> PPPA <input type="radio"/> RSA Follow up to furniture fire investigation per guideline				
19. Summary of Field Screening: None				
20. Sample size/Method of Collection: Fabric sample placed in a plastic bag.				
21. Identification on sample: 97-860-5601 RCB 10/10/96			22. Identification on seal and date: 97-860-5601 Roger C. Burrows	
23a Sample delivered to: US MAIL OCEANSIDE		23b Date 10/11/96	24. Report/Record Sent to: FOWR	
25. Laboratory/Office: LSHL ___ LSEL_X CRM ___ CCA ___ Other _____				
26. Remarks: None				
27. Related Samples: None				
28a Collector's name/title: Roger C. Burrows Sr. Resident Investigator			28b Collector's signature/date: <i>Roger C. Burrows</i> 10/11/96	
29a Reviewer's name/title:			29b Reviewer's signature/date:	

1. CASE NO. 961031CCC5016		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][1][2][3]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][6][1][0][1][8]		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED		YR MO DAY [9][6][1][1][1][2]			
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A three year old boy playing with a child-resistant disosable butane cigarette lighter started a fire at the back of an upholstered sofa in the livingroom of his home. His mother was in an adjacent room and was alerted by a smoke detector sounding an alarm. She and her husband put out the fire. The fire dept. was not called. Damage was estimated at \$1,000. The lighter was collected as a sample.							
7. LOCATION ( <i>Home, school, etc.</i> ) Home-livingroom [1][0]			8. CITY St. Paul			9. STATE MN	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT cig. lighter [1][6][0][4]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS [REDACTED]				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT Sofa [0][6][7][9]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS [REDACTED]				
12. AGE OF VICTIM [0][0][3]		13. SEX ( <i>USE NUMERICAL CODE</i> ) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [1] UNKNOWN - 3		14. DISPOSITION [0]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS [7][1]	
16. BODY PART [9][9]		17. RESPONDENT(S) ( <i>Mother, Friend</i> ) Mother [1]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [1] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT [ ][4].[0] 2 hr travel	
20. ATTACHMENTS multi [9]		21. CASE SOURCE [0][1]		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY [8][1][3][0] [9][6][1][2][0][2]			
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES ( <i>NON-NEISS CASES ONLY</i> ) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [ X ] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [ ]							
24. NARRATIVE ( <i>See Instructions on Page 2</i> )				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			
(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)							

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SUMMARY

This incident was referred to CPSC by the St. Paul Fire Department. They were contacted by the mother of a three year old boy who started a fire while playing with a child-resistant disposable butane cigarette lighter. The respondent is the boy's mother.

The three year old boy lives with his parents and a younger brother in a one story, single family home. Both parents smoke and use disposable butane lighters. At any given time, there are several lighters around the house. The respondent said she knew the dangers involved with children playing with matches or lighters and has always made a point of buying only the child-resistant types.

The lighter involved in the incident was one of several the respondent purchased about two months prior to the incident. As far as she knew, her three year old son had never tried to light a lighter before and had never shown any particular interest in the lighters. On the day of the incident, the respondent was seated at the kitchen table, clipping coupons out of magazines. She said her cigarettes and a lighter were on the table. Both of her sons were playing, and were in and out of the kitchen several times. She said she wasn't paying a great deal of attention to exactly what they were doing.

The respondent said she was alerted to the sound of the smoke detector going off in the livingroom, which is adjacent to the kitchen. When she got up from the table she could see smoke and when she entered the livingroom, she saw flames coming up from the back of the sofa. She called to her husband who was sleeping, and they both put out the fire. She found her cigarette lighter on the floor in back of the sofa. There were no extension cords or other sources of ignition in the immediate area. Her son had run to another part of the house before the respondent entered the livingroom. She said she could tell by his behavior that he knew he had done something wrong. On the day of the on-site visit, the three year old and his parents were going to a fire prevention counseling session put on by the fire department.

The sofa involved in the fire had been purchased new about one year ago. The tag from the sofa is attached as Ex. #4. The fire burned slowly and dripped onto the hardwood floor as shown in the attached photographs. The carpeting in the livingroom was going to be replaced and had been removed prior to the incident.

Damage was limited to the sofa, floor and the wall in back of the sofa, which was blackened. Damage was estimated at about \$1,000.

The child-resistant feature of the cigarette lighter was still functioning at the time of the on-site visit, and the lighter was nearly full of fuel. The lighter was collected as sample 97-830-3082 and forwarded to CRM through the sample custodian.

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

The cigarette lighter associated with this incident is a child-resistant, disposable butane lighter. The user has to push in a lever before turning the spark wheel, otherwise fuel is not released. The lighter is marked, [REDACTED]. The base of the lighter is marked, "R7 42 24 48". The lighter is marketed by [REDACTED].

The sofa which was ignited by the cigarette lighter was purchased new about one year prior to the incident. It is manufactured by [REDACTED].

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Assignment document/incident report
2. Cigarette lighter data sheet
3. Upholstered furniture data sheet
4. Sofa label
5. Copy of sample collection report
6. Photograph

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME

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Thank you for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. The Consumer Product Safety Commission depends on concerned people to share product safety information with us. We maintain a record of this information, and use it to assist us in identifying and resolving product safety problems.

We routinely forward this information to manufacturers and private labelers to inform them of the involvement of their product in an accident situation. We also give the information to others requesting information about specific products. Manufacturers need the individual's name so that they can obtain additional information on the product or accident situation.

Would you please indicate on the bottom of this page whether you will allow us to disclose your name. If you request that your name remain confidential, we will of course, honor that request. After you have indicated your preference, please sign your name and date the document on the lines provided.

You are hereby authorized to disclose my name and address with the information collected on this case.

My identity is to remain confidential.

Barbara A. Henricks  
(Signature)

11-18-96  
(Date)

CH10

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER:

G94A0120A

DATE OF INCIDENT:

10/18/96

CATID: CARM07 1997

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED

HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) CRM

TYPE FOLLOW-UP

TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT:

Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368

Backup:

Bob Poth

504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible. Be especially alert to incidents involving child-resistant lighters which have had the child-resistant mechanism removed or otherwise, defeated. In such a situation, identify to retailer where purchased if the lighter was already defeated when purchased by the consumer.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*

IF INCIDENT INVOLVED IGNITION OF A MATTRESS COMPLETE AND ATTACH MATTRESS QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINED IN THE MATTRESS/BEDDING FIRES GUIDELINE SEPT 1994.

Person(s) to Contact:

Barbara Henick  
412-776-1658

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number:

961031/CCC 5016

Date: 11/1/96

Assigned to:

CH10

Requested by:

# CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

<b>1. NAME OF RESPONDENT</b> Barbara Henich		<b>2. TELEPHONE NO.</b> (Home) (Work) 612-776-1658	
<b>3. STREET ADDRESS</b> 1341 Idaho Ave. E.		<b>4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE</b> St. Paul, MN. 55106	
<b>5. DESCRIBE ACCIDENT SITUATION OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES. (Use second page if necessary.)</b> The complainant had purchased a disposable cigarette lighter sometime within the last few months. She said it had the child resistant feature where you had to push down on a lever before activating it.  She said it was sitting on the kitchen table as she was cutting out coupons. She said her 3 yr. old must have taken the cigarette lighter off the table when she wasn't looking. As she was sitting at the table the one of the smoke detectors in the home went off. When she went into the livingroom, the couch was on fire and the cigarette lighter was laying on the floor next to it. She was able to extinguish the flames without the fire department responding. There were no injuries and damage was limited to the couch and floor adjacent to it.			
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<b>6. DATE OF INCIDENT(S)</b> 10-18-96	<b>7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS, OBTAIN AGE [ ] SEX [ ] AND DESCRIBE INJURY</b>	<b>8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME RELATIONSHIP</b>	
<b>9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT</b> Disposable Butane Lighter		<b>10. BRAND NAME</b> [REDACTED]	
<b>11. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDRESS &amp; PHONE</b> [REDACTED] Made in the USA		<b>12. MODEL, SERIAL NO.'S</b> Unk	
<b>14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED? YES [ ] NO [ X ] IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? DESCRIBE</b>		<b>13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS, &amp; PHONE</b> WALMART	
<b>17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER? YES [ ] NO [ X ] IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM? YES [ ] NO [ ? ] OTHER</b>		<b>16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE:</b>	
<b>18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE? YES [ X ] NO [ ] IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION</b>		<b>15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW [ X ] USED [ ] DATE PURCHASED [Unk ] AGE [ 2 mos ]</b>	
FOR ADMINISTRATION USE			
<b>20. DATE RECEIVED</b> 10-21-96	<b>21. RECEIVED BY (Name &amp; Office)</b> Jerome R. Boog, MSP-RP	<b>22. DOCUMENT NO.</b> GB-A 0120A	
<b>23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION</b> Home Region 94D1031CCC5016		<b>24. PRODUCT CODE(S)</b> 1604	
<b>25. DISTRIBUTION</b> FOER, EHDS, FOER		<b>26 ENDORSER'S NAME &amp; TITLE</b> Eric Ault, Regional Director	

#2

CHILDREN PLAYING WITH  
CIGARETTE LIGHTERS  
-DATA RECORD SHEET-

(For All Incidents Assigned Under BUNNO2)

- 1. Task Number 961031CCC5016
- 2. Date of Accident 10/18/96
- 3. Sex of Child MALE
- 4. Age of Child 3 years old

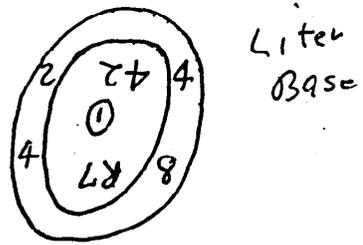
If the child who lit the lighter is under 6 years old, complete items 5 through 9.

If the child is 6 years or older, terminate at this point and submit an abbreviated SF 182. Include the child's age and sex in the synopsis along with a brief accident scenario. A separate narrative is not necessary.

- 5. Describe the accident scenario in the narrative portion of the investigation report. The narrative, which should be on a separate page, would include information on how the accident occurred, how severely the child and/or others were injured, and how much property damage was caused by the fire.

- 6. Kind of Lighter (Check one)
  - Disposable-Regular Size
  - Mini Size \_\_\_\_\_
  - Size Unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
 Refillable No  
 Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

- 7. Lighting Mechanism (Check one)
  - Roll and Press
  - Press Only \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Manufacturer/Model [REDACTED]



- 8. Obtain copy of fire incident report from fire department.  
 FIRE DEPT. NOT CALLED. FIRE EXTINGUISHED  
 BY Homeowner. LIGHTER COLLECTED AS  
 SAMPLE 97-830-3082.



# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

## Attachment A

### DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 961031CCC5016 Incident Date 10/18/96

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand [REDACTED]

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Furniture Purchased: 1995 Furniture Age one year

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)  
None observed.

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm

Back  Side  Underside  Crevice

Welt Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

LT 5 yrs. old  5 - 14  15 - 64  65 + 9/96 - 3 1/2

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter  Match  Candle  Heater  Fireplace

\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Unknown



# INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

If lighter, specify type:  Child-resistant     Not child-resistant     Unknown

If match, specify type:  Book     Box     Unknown

If heater, specify fuel source and distance from furniture:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fuel source \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from furniture

## E. DETECTION OF FIRE

7. Detector (smoke, heat, c.o., sprinkler) present?

Yes     No     Unknown

If yes, specify type: Smoke

8. Detector went off (alarmed)?

Yes     No     Unknown

9. If no, do you know any reason why not; e.g., unpowered, fire too small, etc.?

10. About how soon was the fire discovered after it started? < 1 minute

## F. VICTIM(S)

0 Number of Deaths    0 Number of Injuries

## G. Socio-Economic Data:

11. Education level of head of household:

Less than high school     High school     Some College

12. Total household income:

LT \$15,000     \$15,000 - \$34,999     \$35,000 +

13. Approximate home market value: \$ 55,000

Rent     Own

General Description: Provide general description, including all other relevant factors and information on the investigation form.

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UNDER PENALTY OF LAW  
THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED  
EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER

ALL NEW MATERIAL  
CONSISTING OF  
POLYURETHANE 85%  
POLYESTER FIBER-  
BITTING 15%

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LTC. NO. N.Y. 1135 (HCS)

CERTIFICATION IS MADE  
BY THE MANUFACTURER  
THAT THE MATERIALS IN  
THIS ARTICLE ARE DE-  
SCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH LAW.

MADE IN U.S.A. BY  
H & A  
WATER COMPANY

DATE OF DELIVERY \_\_\_\_\_  
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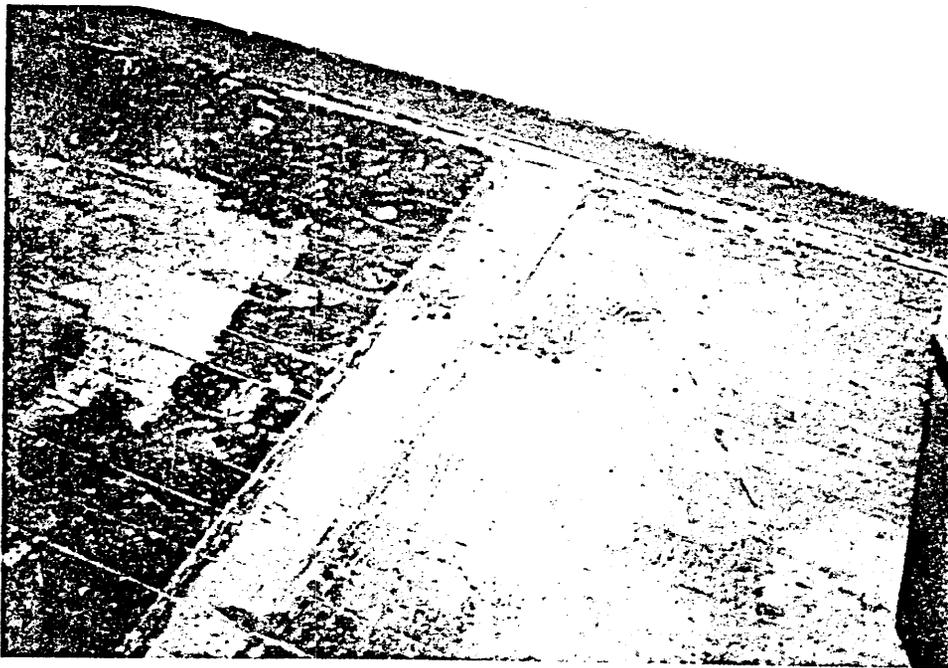
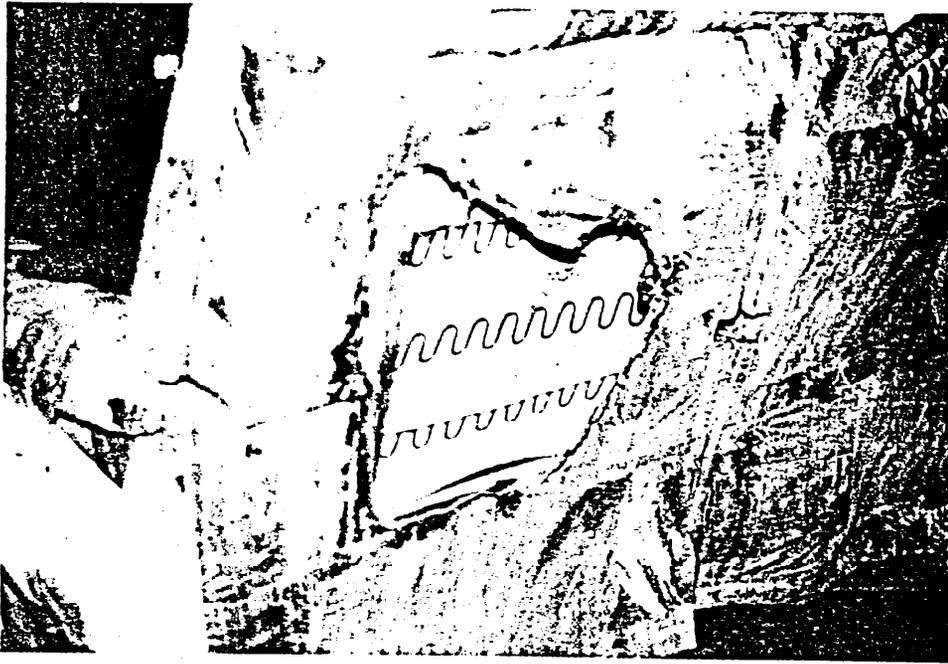
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SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT

1. Sample Flag CONSUMER SAMPLE		2. Date Collected 11/18/95		3. Sample Type and Number: 97-830-3082 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical <input type="radio"/> Documentary	
4a. Product Name CIGARETTE LIGHTER		4b Model R7	4c NEISS 1604	5. Assignment Number	
6. Complete for Import Samples Port of Entry: _____ Country of Origin: _____ Entry No. and Date: _____ Customs Contact: _____			7. MIS 33758	8. Hours Activity _____ 3 Travel _____ 1	
			9a Home RO FOER	9b Collecting RO FOCR	
10. Sample Cost \$0.00		11. Invoice Value of Lot \$0.00		12. Size of Lot      Units 1                      unit	
13. Manufacturer/Importer # BIC001 [REDACTED]		14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer		15. Dealer/Import Broker # W1AL005 WALMART 702 S.W. EIGHTH STREET BENTONVILLE, AK 72716	
16. Supporting documents attached: Invoice No. and Date: _____ Date Shipped: _____ Shipping Record and Date: _____ Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: _____					
17. Product Identification: disposable lighter with yellow plastic body. Liter idid, [REDACTED] USA R7 42 24 48"					
18. Reason for collection/analysis needed: <input type="checkbox"/> FHSA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPSCA <input type="checkbox"/> FFA <input type="checkbox"/> PPPA <input type="checkbox"/> RGA collected during id# 961031CCC5016 - Fire Incident.					
19. Summary of Field Screening: None					
20. Sample size/method of Collection: One lighter collected from consumer. Liter ident as in #21 and plcd in plastic bag, bag plcd inside metal container sealed as in #22.					
21. Identification on sample: 97-830-3082      DDD      11/18/95		22. Identification on seal and date: 97-830-3082 Dennis D. Donath      11/18/95			
23a. Sample delivered to: UFS		23b Date 11/25/95	24. Report/Record Sent to: FOER		
25. Laboratory/Office: LSHL _____ LSEL _____ CRM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCA _____ Other _____					
26. Remarks: Sample receipt, assignment document and copy of cigarette lighter card sheet attached. Sample held in locked cabinet until sealed.					
27. Related Samples: none					
28a. Collector's name/title: Dennis D. Donath      Senior Resident Investigator			28b Collector's signature/date: <i>Dennis D. Donath</i> 11/25/96		
29a Reviewer's name/title:			29b Reviewer's signature/date:		



PHOTOS 1 & 2

A fire occurred in the livingroom of a one story single family home, behind the sofa shown in these photos. A smoke detector on the ceiling of the livingroom sounded an alarm, alerting the respondent who was in the kitchen. The kitchen is next to the livingroom, about 15 feet from the fire origin.



PHOTOS 3 & 4

The fire started at the back of the sofa. Carpeting in the livingroom was being replaced, and had been removed prior to the fire. The burning fabric dripped onto the hardwood floor and blackened the wall behind the sofa. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

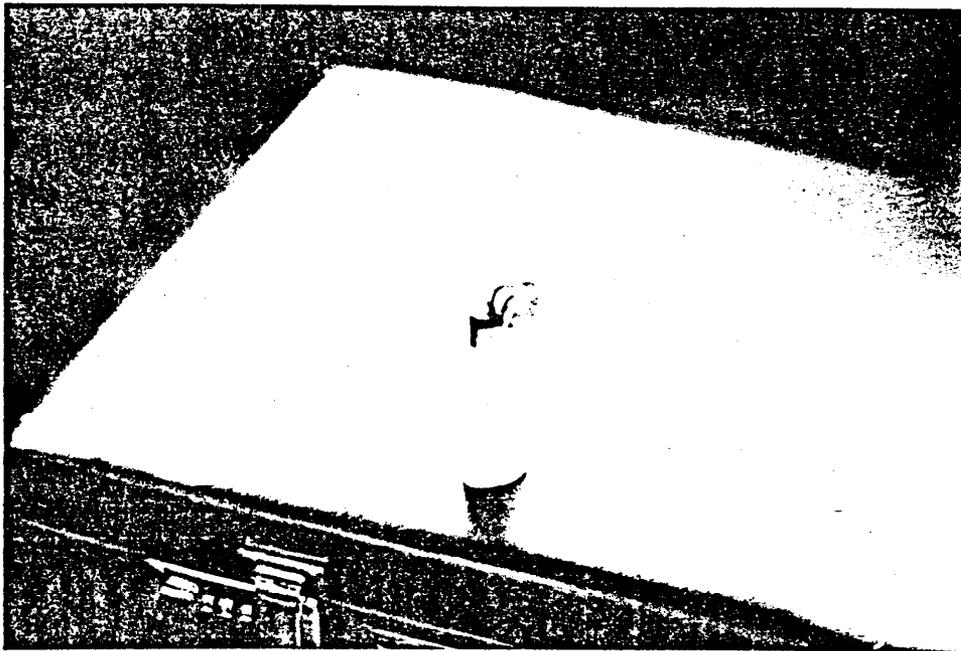


PHOTO NO. 5

view of the child-resistant, disposable butane cigarette lighter which the three year old boy used to start the fire. It was collected as sample 97-930-3082. Markings on the base of the lighter were, "R7 42 24 48" The light was made in the USA.

1. CASE NUMBER 961114HCC5048		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 1 7 3		3. OFFICE CODE 8 0 0		<b>EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT</b>	
4. INCIDENT DATE YR MO DAY 9 6 0 9 1 7			5. DATE IDI INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 6 1 1 2 5				
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT  A three unit row house was destroyed by a fire which was started by a four year old boy playing with a disposable type grill lighter in one of the units. The boy ignited the sofa in the living room of his home. The boy's mother suffered a fractured ankle during the family's escape from their home. There were no other injuries.							
7. LOCATION Home - Living Room 1 0			8. CITY Carnegie			9. STATE P A	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT  Grill Lighter 1 2 4 7			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS  Unknown				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT  Sofa 0 6 7 9			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 0 0 0		13. SEX Female 2		14. DISPOSITION Hospitalized 4		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Fracture 5 7	
16. BODY PART Ankle 3 7		17. RESPONDENT(S) Fire Marshal; Fire Chic; 3 Code Officer; Bldg. owner			18. INVESTIGATION TYPE Other 3		19. TIME SPENT 1 0. 0
20. ATTACHMENTS Police and Fire Reports 2		21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper 0 5		22. REVIEWED BY 8969		YR MO DAY 97 02 13	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)				25. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REVIEW  DATE 2-14-97			
(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)							

The information regarding this fire was obtained from the fire chief, fire marshal, police department, ambulance personnel, building owner and the fire investigation firm hired by the building owner's insurance carrier. The medic who attended the victim at the scene and transported the victim to the hospital was the only person who spoke to the victim after the fire. The police, fire chief and fire marshal obtained the victim's version of the events which caused the fire from the medic.

Attempts to contact the victim were not successful. The family does not have a telephone listing and they did not respond to a letter.

**PRE-ACCIDENT:**

The fire occurred in an end unit of a three unit, 2 1/2 story row home of wood frame construction. The unit where the fire occurred was occupied by a family consisting of a husband and wife and their two children; a four year old boy and a daughter approximately twelve months old. The family moved into the home six months prior to the fire.

The middle unit was vacant at the time of the fire. The occupant of the other end unit was not home at the time of the fire.

A portable gas grill with an attached 20lb. size propane tank was located on the front porch of the home (unit. The tank's valve was on at the time of the fire. The lighter involved in this fire was used by the family to light the grill.

It is not known where the lighter was stored in the house or what precautions were taken to keep the lighter away from children. It is not known if the four year old boy was attracted to the lighter or had a history of playing with the lighter.

The fire occurred during the late afternoon of 9/17/96. According to the medic who spoke to the mother after the fire, the mother was in a second floor bedroom attending her infant daughter when the fire started. She smelled smoke or was alerted by a smoke detector and she went to the first floor to investigate.

**ACCIDENT:**

The mother went to the first floor living room and found a "pillow" burning on the living room sofa. It is not known if the burning object was a pillow or if the mother referred to a sofa cushion as a pillow. The four year old son was near the sofa and he was holding the grill lighter. The mother assumed the victim started the fire with the lighter. The mother immediately removed the burning "pillow" from the sofa and threw it out the front door. The fire had spread to the sofa and the mother attempted to extinguish the sofa with pans of water from the adjacent kitchen.

The gas grill was located on the front porch in front of the door. The mother was not aware that the burning "pillow" landed against the grill's propane tank. While the mother was attempting to extinguish the burning sofa in the living room, the burning pillow burned through the rubber gas hose from the tank to the grill and the gas tank ignited. The flame from the burning gas tank was directed toward the front door.

**POST ACCIDENT:**

The mother was not able to extinguish the burning sofa. She then retreated upstairs with her four year old son to save her infant daughter. The mother and the two children became trapped on the second floor. They could not escape through the first floor due to the fire in the living room and the fire burning from the front porch.

A man driving by the house noticed the fire and heard the mother screaming. He and other persons who stopped ran to the rear of the house and saw the victim and her two children at a second floor window. He convinced the victim to drop the two children from the window and he convinced the victim to jump from the window.

The local emergency dispatch center (911) received several calls reporting the fire. The fire was reported at 1757 hours. The police and local fire department arrived a few minutes later. The victim and her two children were rescued from the house by the passerby prior to the arrival of the fire department.

According to the medic, the victim received a fractured ankle in her jump from the window. The two children did not appear to be injured. The victim and two children were immediately transported to the hospital. The two children were examined and released without treatment. The mother was admitted and hospitalized for one or two days for treatment of her fractured ankle.

The building was destroyed by the fire. Damage was estimated at approximately \$100,000.00 by the fire marshal. The owner of the building declined to provide a specific dollar amount for the loss but agreed that the loss was approximately \$100,000.00.

The county fire marshal conducted an investigation of the fire on the evening of the fire. The fire marshal determined the fire originated in a sofa in the first floor living room. The sofa was destroyed in the fire. A secondary fire occurred on the front porch after the burning pillow ignited the grill's propane tank. The propane tank fire contributed significantly to the severity of the fire and to the destruction of the building.

The police and fire chief informed the fire marshal that the fire was reportedly started by a child who ignited the sofa with a grill lighter. The evidence at the scene agreed with that scenario and the fire marshal determined that the fire was caused by the victim's four year old son playing with a lighter. The fire marshal did not recover the lighter from the fire debris. The fire marshal was not able to determine if the first object ignited was a cushion from the sofa or an unrelated pillow which was on the sofa.

A fire investigation engineering firm was hired by the building owner's insurance carrier to investigate the cause of the fire. The firm's investigation agreed with the fire marshal's findings. The firm sifted through the ashes at the scene and was not able to locate the lighter involved in the fire. It is assumed the lighter was consumed in the fire.

#### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The product involved in this fire was a disposable type butane grill lighter. No more specific information about the lighter is known. The lighter was consumed in the fire.

No information is known about the sofa involved in this fire. The sofa was consumed in the fire.

#### EXHIBITS:

1. A copy of the fire marshal's report.
2. A copy of the police report.

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number N96A0100A  
Date of Incident 9/17/90 Category I.D. BUNNOC 1997  
Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15  
Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call or On-Site  
Headquarters Contact Linda Guiton

Assignment Message Describe the product involved, brand name, description of physical dimensions & lighting mechanisms. What did occupant use light for? Where was it kept? Determine age of child who started the fire. Obtain details of deaths or injuries including treatment and the amount of property damage. Conduct on-site when product is available for inspection.

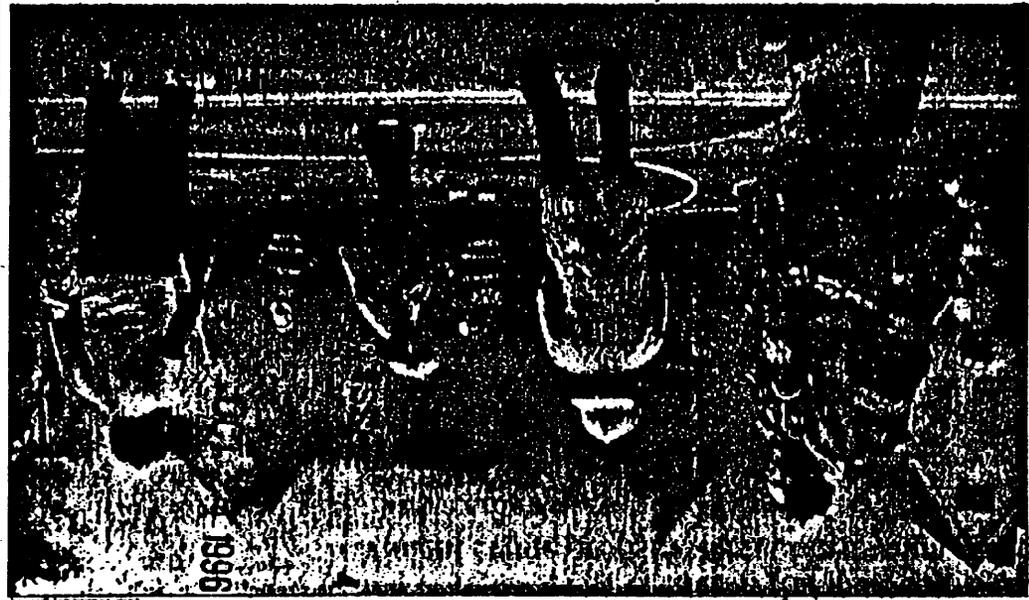
Person(s) to Contact [Redacted] (Hull)  
fire officials

Guideline \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By \_\_\_\_\_  
Task Number 961114 HAC 5048  
Assigned to MAASC Date 9.6.11.14  
FOER

BOUNDED 1997

Scott Township Tuesday evening  
 Carnegie section of Scott Town-  
 ship. "It was just a loud boom," said  
 neighbor [redacted] and every-  
 thing just went up, everything  
 went.  
 Fire and police units were called  
 from Scott, Carnegie, Bridgeville  
 and Pittsburgh. Fire officials origi-  
 nally feared that the fire would  
 spread to neighboring multitenant  
 dwellings. They were scorched, but  
 doused with water and spared.  
 owner of the build-  
 ing, said he and his wife, [redacted]  
 lived in [redacted] unit for 18  
 years before moving out and leav-  
 ing it six months ago.  
 "It's just a shame," he said. "I  
 just recaptured the whole middle  
 unit last Thursday."  
 Lang said the middle unit was  
 vacant, and the unit at [redacted]  
 elderly man named [redacted]  
 who was testing his luck at  
 the race track.  
 "He's a lucky man," Quinn said.



W. W. Watson photo

# Children saved from burning home

Man driving by catches  
 as mother tosses kids  
 from 2nd-story window

By Jason Borture  
 TRIBUNE-REVIEW

stood on the back  
 deck of a burning house in Scott  
 Township Tuesday and argued  
 with a woman he did not know.  
 After catching the two children  
 she dropped from the second-story  
 window, [redacted] could not persuade  
 a fire that produced smoke seen  
 and smelled by commuters  
 descending Green Tree Hill as they  
 drove home on the Parkway West.  
 "She was raging, the  
 smoke was coming out of the win-  
 dow in the bedroom."  
 [redacted] stepped from  
 the window, through his arms and  
 into the deck.  
 "Looked like she broke her ankle  
 and bashed her nose," said [redacted]  
 a resident of the Oakwood section  
 of Pittsburgh who was driving by  
 at the time of the fire.  
 [redacted], a resident of the  
 three-unit house at [redacted] Road, was in serious condition last  
 night at Allegheny General Hospi-  
 tal. Her son, [redacted] a toddler, and  
 daughter, [redacted] an infant, were  
 taken to Allegheny General, but  
 were not admitted.  
 Scott Township Building Inspec-  
 tor Bill Quinn said the fire began  
 shortly after 6 p.m. when the boy  
 lit a candle in the house.  
 Apparently, [redacted] saw the  
 burning pillow and threw it out her  
 front window, Quinn said, but the  
 fire had already begun to spread.  
 It was then that several neigh-  
 bors said they heard an explosion,  
 which could not immediately be  
 explained last night. The fire flared  
 to all three rental units in the  
 house and threatened other houses  
 along Noblestown Road in the East

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County of Allegheny  
FIRE MARSHAL

CAUSE AND ORIGIN NARRATIVE

LOCATION [REDACTED]		VICTIM [REDACTED]	FM NO. 202-96
INVESTIGATOR THOMAS W. HITCHINGS		FIRE MARSHAL <i>Donald M. Fitzgerald</i>	C.C.R. NO. 6691-96
		DATE/TIME 9/17/96	1757 HRS.

On Tuesday September 17, 1996 at approximately 1757 hours the East Carnegie VFD and Scott Twp. Police responded to a reported structure in a occupied dwelling located at [REDACTED] Carnegie, Pa. 15106 (Scott Twp.). On their arrival they observed heavy fire and smoke showing from the front involving three single family townhouse type structures, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was learned that all occupants were out of the structures at this time and they proceeded to extinguish and overhaul the fire. It was also learned that the occupants at [REDACTED] were rescued by a passing motorist [REDACTED] that noticed the fire on the front porch. The occupants were [REDACTED] and her two young children. The children were dropped from the second floor rear window to Mr. [REDACTED] and than [REDACTED] jumped from the window. All three persons were transported to the hospital by Carnegie EMS, injuries unknown at this time. Other information learned was that [REDACTED] was vacant since June 1996 and that the occupants at [REDACTED] were not at home at the time of the fire. It is unknown at this time as to who first reported the fire.

It should be noted that the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire received a reported structure fire on Alder St., City of Pittsburgh, at approximately 1803 hours which is located in the same area of the above fire. Fire zone 5-11 was dispatched and on arrival it was learned that this call was for the same fire. It was than requested by the East Carnegie VFD Fire Chief for the Pittsburgh Fire Department to assist in the extinguishment of this fire.

On Tuesday September 17, 1996 at approximately 1814 hours this investigator was dispatched by the Allegheny County Police Radio to respond to the above listed fire scene. This request came from James Mykita, Fire Chief, East Carnegie VFD. On

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6691-96

[REDACTED] CARNEGIE, PA. 15106

arrival at approximately 1854 hours this investigator met with Chief Mykita and Frank Augustine, Scott Twp. Police Officer to assist in the origin and cause investigation.

## BUILDING DESCRIPTION:

The structure involved was a two and a half story wood frame and insulbrick tri-plex type townhouses which consisted of three single family units with a pitched roof and full basements.

## OWNERSHIP:

The structure is owned by [REDACTED] Address [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205. Phone number [REDACTED] The structure is insured through the Erie Insurance Company.

## OCCUPANTS:

[REDACTED] is occupied by [REDACTED] long with there two young children. Phone number unknown. It is also unknown if they have renters insurance at this time.

[REDACTED] has been vacant since June 1996.

[REDACTED] is occupied by [REDACTED] and his sister [REDACTED] Phone number unknown. It is also unknown if they have renters insurance at this time.

## INFORMATION RECEIVED:

It was learned from Chief Mykita and Officer Augustine that the fire was started by the 4 year old child of Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] in the sofa located in the first floor living room, [REDACTED] Information received was that the child was playing with a butane type grill lighter and ignited the sofa pillow and that Mrs. [REDACTED] placed the burning pillow outside on the front porch and attempted to extinguish the sofa inside with water from the kitchen sink. However, this attempt failed and she went to the second floor to rescue her children and was forced to exit through the rear second floor window with the help of [REDACTED], as listed above.

It should be noted that this investigators report reflects

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the origin and cause portion of the incident along with a interview of [REDACTED]. Results of all other interviews conducted are reflected in Scott Twp. Police and Fire reports.

## INTERVIEW OF WITNESS:

[REDACTED], D.O.B. 3/21/70

[REDACTED]  
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15205

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was on his way home driving when he noticed a fire on the front porch at [REDACTED]. He parked and ran over to the porch, however the fire was blocking entry to the front entrance door. At this time he did observe fire and sparks inside the first floor front living room area. He than ran to the rear of the structure to check for possible occupants. He attempted to open the rear sliding glass doors, however, he was hit with heavy blackish smoke and heat and closed the door from the side. It was at this time he learned that a woman and two children were trapped on the second floor. He than caught the two children which the woman dropped to him and attempted to catch her, however, she was injured in the jump.

## ORIGIN AND CAUSE INVESTIGATION:

After a complete exterior and interior examination was conducted on the above listed structure, it is the opinion of this investigator that the fire cause is accidental in nature. From this examination it was determined that the area of origin was located in the first floor front living room of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]. A close examination of the burn patterns and fire behavior in this area showed point of origin located in the sofa along the northeast wall. Source of ignition through information received showed that of the actions of a child playing with a lighter. Fire spread showed that of vertical and horizontal through the first material of the sofa ignited into the sofa and other contents and structural members causing room flashover to

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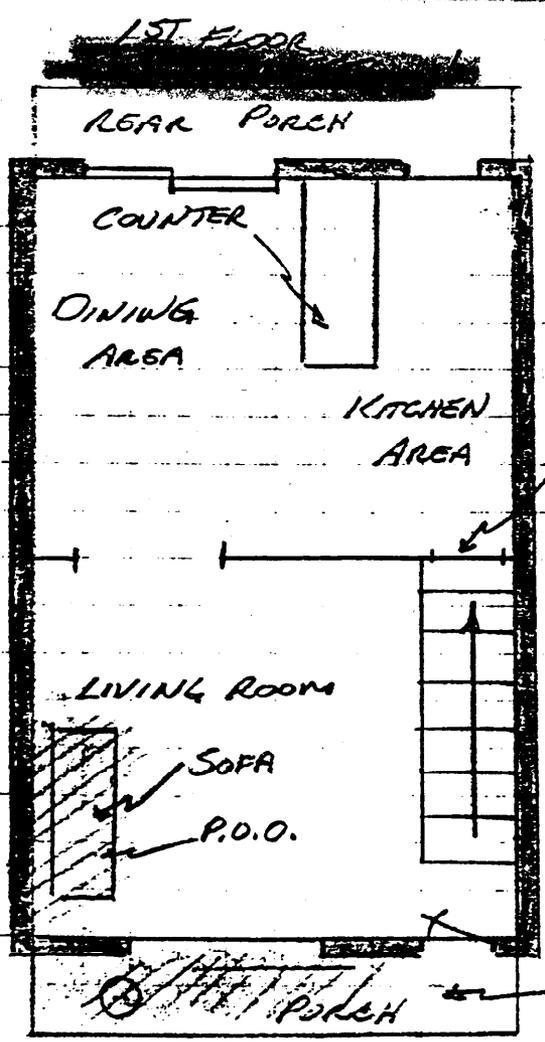
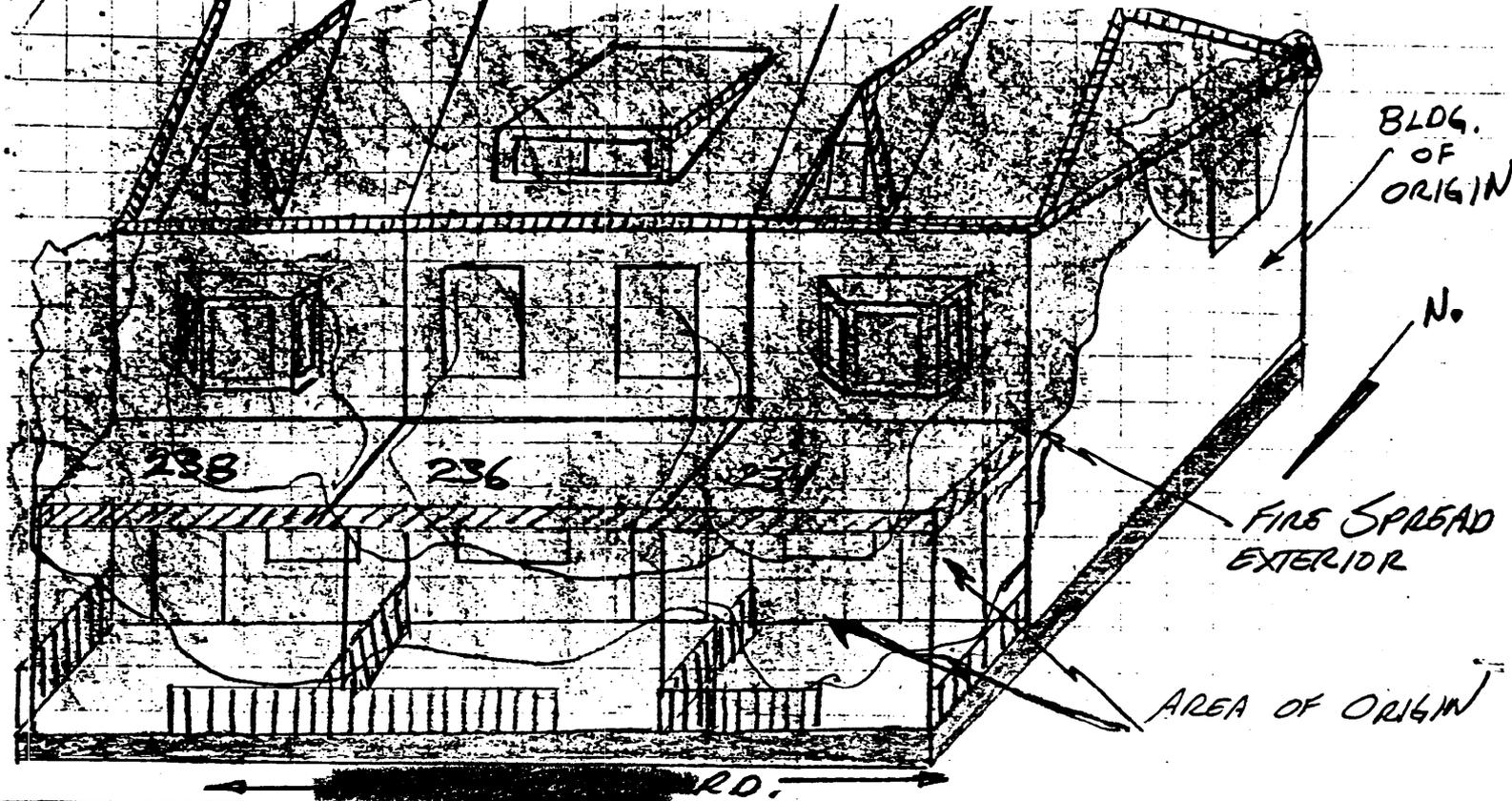
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occur. It was also noted through this examination that the attempt by the occupant to extinguish the fire and placing the burning pillow on the exterior front porch started a second fire to occur in the porch contents and structural members. These contents included a propane gas tank connected to a gas grill that ruptured and added to the fire spread beyond building of origin.

It should be noted that a sketch of the scene was prepared by this investigator.

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SEPT. 17, 1996 1757 Hrs.  
 SCOTT TWP.  
 NOT TO SCALE  
 DFM. T.W. HITCHINGS  
 CCR#6691-96 FM#202-96

ROOM OF ORIGIN  
 APPROX. 21' x 16' x 8'  
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LOCATION OF GAS GRILL & BURNING SOFA PILLOW & OTHER CONTENTS ON PORCH.  
 RD.

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threw the cushion onto the porch and ran to the kitchen for water to put out the fire, but by that time, the fire was out of control. The downstairs was on fire and the house was full of smoke so she ran upstairs with her son to get the baby. It was at this point, after she got her baby, that she dropped her children to safety then jumped herself.

The Allegheny County Fire Marshal was called to the scene. Deputy Marshal Thomas W. Hitchings arrived and conducted the fire scene investigation. Preliminary investigation by the deputy fire marshal corroborated the information received from the victim through the ambulance personnel.

It should be noted that the triplex is owned by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pa. 15205 [REDACTED]

CASE STATUS: Cleared

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SCOTT TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FIELD CASE REPORT

FIRE/STRUCTURE

S19

17 Sep 96, 1757 hrs.

6-04480

Ptlm. F. Augustine, #804

Supervisor

VICTIM INFO:

[REDACTED]

On the above date and time, I was dispatched to the vicinity of the [REDACTED] for a structure fire. Upon my arrival at 1802 hrs., I observed a two story, three unit ([REDACTED]) house engulfed in flames. The flames were rolling out of the front porch area and up the front of the house. I immediately notified the dispatch to alert all the fire departments to respond. East Carnegie VFD arrived at the scene along with me. Neighbors on the scene advised me that everyone was out of the house. At this time, it appeared that [REDACTED] Rd. were also in danger of catching fire. I could hear a dog barking inside [REDACTED] Rd. After knocking on the door and receiving no response, I kicked the door in to check if it was occupied. Both [REDACTED] were found unoccupied.

I then proceeded to interview [REDACTED] who was one of the first on the scene and he supplied the following information: He observed the fire on the front porch of [REDACTED] and could hear a woman screaming in the rear of the house. There was a large amount of smoke at the time of the fire. He, along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ran behind the house and found the victim and her two children hanging out of an upstairs window. He instructed her to drop the children down and that they would catch them. After dropping the children to safety, she then jumped out of the window. She sustained a broken ankle upon hitting the ground. During the course of my interview with Mr. [REDACTED], the victim and her two children were attended to and subsequently transported to Allegheny General Hospital for treatment by Carnegie VFD ambulance.

It was learned later from ambulance personnel attending to the victim that she related to them that her three year old son, [REDACTED] was playing with a grill lighter in the livingroom of their residence and a cushion on the couch caught on fire. She

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## **Pre-Event**

The fire occurred in a single family home located in a suburban community. The home was a 30 year old wood frame single story dwelling with a metal roof and brick exterior. The respondent said that the market value of the home was approximately \$110,000. The home was occupied by a married couple with a 3-1/2 year old daughter and a 3 month old son.

The wife said that her daughter did not show any interest in fire or lighters before the fire. She said that her daughter did not appear to be attracted to lighters and was not known to have played with a lighter before the fire. She said that her son and daughter were attended by a 70 year old female baby sitter during work days.

The wife said that a barbecue type lighter was purchased at a retail hardware store approximately three months before the fire. She said that the lighter was originally used to light the pilot light for a propane refrigerator in their travel trailer. She said that the lighter was subsequently used to light the fireplace in the living room of their home.

The wife said that the lighter was stored on the mantle of the fireplace. She said that Christmas decorations were located on the mantle when the lighter was first placed on the mantle. She said that the lighter was not readily visible behind the Christmas decorations. She estimated that the lighter may have been used a total of 12 times before the fire. She said that her daughter did not help or express an interest in lighting the fireplace.

The wife said that she removed and stored the Christmas decorations on the day before the fire. She said that lighter was exposed on the mantle for the first time after she removed the decorations.

## **Event**

The wife said that the baby sitter was caring for the children in their home when the fire occurred. She said that the baby sitter was feeding their 3 month old son in the family room when the fire started. She said that the baby sitter thought that their daughter was playing in the bedroom. She said that their daughter apparently went into the living room and climbed to remove the lighter from the mantle. She said that their daughter apparently was playing with the lighter and ignited the side of the couch.

The wife said that the daughter ran into the family room after the fire started. She said that the smoke detector sounded an alarm but the baby sitter's hearing was diminished and the baby sitter did not recognize the sound of the alarm. She said that the baby sitter asked the daughter about the noise and the daughter told the baby sitter that the noise was coming from the television. She said that the baby sitter went to check the source of the noise and found the fire.

The wife said that the baby sitter returned to the family room to retrieve their son. She said that their daughter tried to run and hide. She said that the baby sitter had to locate and retrieve their daughter. The wife said that the baby sitter tried to call the fire department before exiting the house but the phone was dead. She said that the baby sitter carried their son and escorted their daughter out through patio doors in the rear of the home. She said that the draft from opening the doors caused the fire to flare. She said that flames swirled around the baby sitter as she went out through the doors. She said that their daughter was directly in front of the baby sitter and was shielded by the baby sitter's body. She said that the baby sitter and son sustained burns on their exposed skin.

The wife said that the baby sitter went to a neighbor's house to call the fire department. She said that another neighbor observed the fire and called the fire department at the same time. The alarm was recorded at 1:30 p.m. according to the fire report. The fire caused an estimated \$42,00 according to the fire department report. The wife said that the baby sitter were transported to an urban trauma/burn center hospital.

### **Post Event**

The son was treated and released. He sustained partial thickness burns on his face and scalp according to the medical records. The son's injured body surface was 3 percent according to the report. The baby sitter sustained burns on her face, back and forearm according to the medical report. The total surface percentage was not stated. The was held overnight for observation due to concern about respiratory injury due to smoke inhalation. The baby sitter was released for outpatient treatment. Copies of the medical records are attached.

The fire was investigated by the Deputy County Fire Marshal. The Deputy identified the cause of the fire as a juvenile playing with a butane fireplace lighter. The Deputy identified the side of the couch as the area of origin of the fire. The wife said that the side of the couch appeared to be the area where the fire started. She said that exact point of origin and the first material ignited was not identified by the investigating officials. A copy of the report is attached. The lighter was not preserved as evidence after the fire according to the Fire Marshal's Office.

The wife said that the brick exterior and metal roof of the home trapped heat from the fire causing more extensive damage than estimated by the fire department. She said that house required demolition and complete replacement after the fire. She said that replacement of the house and contents cost an estimated \$235,000.

## First Product Identification

Brand [REDACTED]

The respondent identified the lighter as a [REDACTED] barbecue type lighter. She said that the lighter was red colored with a non-child resistant trigger type ignition mechanism. The lighter was lost or discarded after the fire and was not available as a sample.

## Second Product Identification

Manufacturer: [REDACTED]

Model: W4900

The respondent said that the couch was constructed with a leather exterior and foam filling. She said that the couch was purchased from Montgomery Ward approximately 3 months before the fire. She said that she purchased an exact replacement after the fire. She said that the product identification information listed above was obtained from the replacement couch. The said that literature provided with the replacement couch stated that the couch complied with the California furniture flammability standard.

## Standards Information

Information concerning compliance with standards was not available for the lighter. The literature stated that the couch complied with the California furniture standard according to the respondent.

## Attachments

- Exhibit # 1: CPSC Data Sheet
- Exhibit # 2: Fire Report
- Exhibit # 3: Fire Investigation Report
- Exhibit # 4: Medical Records
- Exhibit # 5: Photos

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: *H96B0081A*  
DATE OF INCIDENT: *1/4/94* CATID: CARM07 1997  
FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) CRM (X)  
TYPE FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)  
HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368  
Backup: Bob Poth 504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible. Be especially alert to incidents involving child-resistant lighters which have had the child-resistant mechanism removed or otherwise, defeated. In such a situation, identify to retailer where purchased if the lighter was already defeated when purchased by the consumer.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*

FOR MATTRESS IGNITION: Complete Data Record Sheet for Mattress/Bedding Fires

FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE: Complete Data Record Sheet for Upholstered Furniture.

Person(s) to Contact:

*[Redacted Name]* (Mum)  
*Officials*

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number:

Date:

*961115 CCC 5053* *11/18/96*

Assigned to:

Requested by:

*SFOO*

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

Region: WESTERN

TC 21

1. NAME OF RESPONDENT [REDACTED]		2. PHONE NO. (HOME) [REDACTED] (WORK) [REDACTED]	
3. STREET ADDRESS [REDACTED]		4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE Washougal WA 98671	

*COPY*  
*MIKE B.*

5. DESCRIBE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES  
There was \$300,000 worth of fire damage to house and contents due to fire caused by disposable lighter.

3-year-old daughter climbed up 5' high fireplace mantle, removed lighter, flicked lighter (unknown how) and ignited leather sofa in living room.  
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6. DATE OF INCIDENTS 1/4/96	7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS OBTAIN AGE/SEX AND DESCRIBE INJURY: 3 M/M 1st & 2nd degree burns to head	8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME AND RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED] son
9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT non-child-resistant disposable lighter		10. BRAND NAME Scripto

11. MFR/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDR. & PHONE Scripto unknown unknown unknown unknown	12. MODEL, SERIAL NUMBERS M# unknown, color: red, fixed-flame
13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store 4th Ave. Camas, WA 98607 360-834-2663	

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[REDACTED]

14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED? YES x NO IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? after DESCRIBE: damaged: most of the lighter was melted	15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW x USED DATE PURCHASED 10/95 AGE 3 mos.
16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE: unknown	

17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER? YES NO x IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM? YES x NO OTHER?	18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE? YES NO x IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION consumer thinks fire dept. lost it	19. MAY WE USE YOUR NAME WITH THIS REPORT? YES x NO
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FOR ADMINISTRATION USE

20. DATE RECEIVED 11/12/96	21. RECEIVED BY (NAME & OFFICE) ldm/HL	22. DOCUMENT NO. H96B0081A
23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION <i>941115 CCC 5055</i>		24. PRODUCT CODE(S) 1604
25. DISTRIBUTION		26. ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE CTW 11/12/1996

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

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Narrative Continued

Baby-sitter was in family room feeding son when she saw smoke coming into family room. Baby-sitter saw smoke and flames coming from sofa, got son and daughter and evacuated house from the patio door at back of house. Consumer said the oxygen from opening door intensified fire and baby-sitter felt intense heat at the top of her body. Son received 1st and 2nd degree burns to his head and baby-sitter (she was holding son in her left arm) received 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree burns to her head and left arm. Daughter was uninjured. Glass patio door shattered behind them. Local fire department extinguished fire. Son and baby-sitter received burn treatment at Emanuel Hospital, Portland, OR. Son was released and baby-sitter was admitted for 24-hours. Son recovered within 3-4 weeks without scars and baby-sitter recovered within 2 months with scars. Most of the lighter was burned after incident. House was completely rebuilt on 7/30/96.

Vict #	Sex	Age	Name	Relationship
2	F	70	Y Laura Saari	baby-sitter

Vict #	Victim Injury Description
2	1st, 2nd & 3rd degree burns to head & left arm

CPSC Source: BBB



## INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

### Attachment A

### DATA RECORDING SHEET FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRES (To be attached to CPSC Form 182, Epidemiologic Investigation Report along with a copy of the Fire Incident Report)

Task Number 96115CCC5055 Incident Date 01-04-96

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:  Sofa/Couch  Chair  Sofa bed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was upholstered furniture slipcovered?  Yes  No  Unknown

2. Had it been reupholstered?  Yes  No  Unknown

3. Manufacturer/Distributor/Brand \_\_\_\_\_

4. Purchased:  New  Used  Unknown

If used, specify how obtained (e.g., garage sale, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Furniture Purchased: 01/10/95 Furniture Age 3 MONTHS PRICE: \$1200

6. Standard Certification Labeling; e.g., UFAC or California standard: (Copy)

CALIFORNIA STANDARD

B. POINT OF FIRE IGNITION ON FURNITURE: Describe where fire started on upholstered furniture.

Skirt  Seat cushion  Inside back  Inside arm

Back  Side  Underside  Crevice

Welt Cord  Tuft  Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. AGE (IN YEARS) OF PERSON INVOLVED IN IGNITION (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

LT 5 yrs. old  5 - 14  15 - 64  65 +

D. PRODUCT INVOLVED AS HEAT SOURCE AND TYPE (Check):

Lighter  Match  Candle  Heater  Fireplace

\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Unknown



CLARK COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL  
Fire Investigation Report

Clark County Community Development  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
P.O. Box 9810 Vancouver, Wa. 98668

Case Number: 96003  
F.D.: WGL Day: THURS Date: 1/4/96  
Time: 13:30 Incid. Type: FIRE

Title: [REDACTED]	Address: [REDACTED]	City: WSHGL	Zip: 98671
Type: STRUCTURE			
P Use: SINGLE FAMILY	Class: R-3.	Const.: V-N	
R Age: 18	Protected: No	Size: 2000	Parcel #: NOT IN SIERRA
O P Mfgr:	Year:	Model:	
E Ser. #:	Size:	Parcel #:	
R T Make:	Model:	Style:	Year:
Y Vin. #:	Lic. #:	State:	Exp.:
Other:			
Est. \$ Loss - Principal: \$ 12,000		Contents: \$ 30,000	
Other: \$ 0		( See Supplemental Property sheets ) Total: \$ 42,000	
Principal Interest: OWNER			
P Last: [REDACTED]	First: [REDACTED]	M.I.: L	DOB: 9/19/67
E Race: Cauc	Sex:	Ht:	Wt: Hair: Eyes:
R Driver's Lic. #:	State:	SSI #:	[REDACTED]
S Home Add: [REDACTED]	City: WSHGL	State: WA	Zip: 98671
O Home Phone #: [REDACTED]	Message #: ( )	-	
N Employment: Self	Work Add:		
City:	State:	Zip:	Work Phone #: ( ) -
Other: More ?:			
Principal Interest: OCCUPANT			
P Last: [REDACTED]	First: [REDACTED]	M.I.:	DOB: 8/11/25
E Race: Cauc	Sex: Female	Ht:	Wt: Hair: Eyes:
R Driver's Lic. #:	State:	SSI #:	
S Home Add: [REDACTED]	City: WSHGL	State: WA	Zip: 98671
O Home Phone #: [REDACTED]	Message #: ( )	-	
N Employment: Retired	Work Add:		
City:	State:	Zip:	Work Phone #: ( ) -
Other: More ?:			
Principal Interest:			
P Last: [REDACTED]	First: [REDACTED]	M.I.: M	DOB: 8/31/92
E Race: Cauc	Sex: Female	Ht:	Wt: Hair: Eyes:
R Driver's Lic. #:	State:	SSI #:	
S Home Add: SAME	City:	State:	Zip:
O Home Phone #: ( )	Message #: ( )	-	
N Employment:	Work Add:		
City:	State:	Zip:	Work Phone #: ( ) -
Other: More ?:			

CLARK COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL  
Fire Investigation Report - Continuation

Case #: 96003	Title: CRAIG	Date: 1/4/96
I Company: FARMERS	Policy #:	Exp. Date:
N Agent: Francis Strobeck	Company: Farmers	Phone: (360)834-3511
S Address: 605 NE 3rd	City: Camas	State: Wa Zip: 98607
U Adjuster:	Company:	Phone: ( ) -
R Address:	City:	State: Zip:
A Investigator:	Company:	Phone: ( ) -
N Address:	City:	State: Zip:
C Coverage:	Other Insurance:	
E Policy Amounts Structure:	Contents:	Other:

INVESTIGATIVE CONCLUSION

Firer originated in the living room near/at a couch, started from a juvenile playing with a butane fireplace lighter.

There was extensive damage to the structure and contents.

Two occupants were transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

Origin: LIVINGROOM	Cause: LIGHTER	Fuel: COUCH
Notification	On Scene	Cleared
Date: 1/4/96 Time: 13:30	By: CRCA Time: 13:55	Date: 1/4/96 Time: 17:10
Lead: MEDITZ	Assist: NO	Other: NO
Photos: YES	Video: NO	Evidence: NO
A FD Officer: <del>          </del>	Dept: Wshgl	ID #: <del>          </del>
D PD Officer: No	Dept:	ID #: <del>          </del>
M Other Agency: No	Officer:	ID #: <del>          </del>
I		
N		
Signature: <i>MEDITZ</i>	ID #: 1902	Date: 6/11/96
Reviewed / Approved: <i>W. Fran</i>	ID #: 1901	Date: 6/13/96
O Distribution	FD: D5H6L CCSO:	Pros.:
F Other:		
F		
I Class: INCENDIARY- JV	Disposition: CLOSED	By: JV
C First Review: 6/13/96	Last Review:	Next Review: NONE
E Posted Date:	By:	

**OFFICE OF THE CLARK COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL**  
**FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT**

COMFY CASE NO: 96003

DATE OF INCIDENT: 1/4/96

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**NARRATIVE:**

On January 4, 1996 at 13:30 hours, I was dispatched to a structure fire at [REDACTED] Washougal, Washington.

When I arrived at 1355 hours, the fire was in the overhaul / mop-up stages. I spoke with Washougal Fire Captain Sarri, who told me that he was told by the occupant the fire originated on the couch. He told me that when they arrived on scene this is also where the fire appeared to be the heaviest.

Capt. Sarri told me he was told by the occupant, [REDACTED] DOB 8/11/25, who was baby-sitting at the time, that the fire was probably started by her granddaughter, from a lighter used for the fire place.

When I was able to enter the structure, I noted that the most fire damage was in the area of a couch in the living room. The ceiling above the couch had been penetrated and there was more low burn in this area compared to the rest of the room.

Burn patterns on the couch led me to an area near center of the couch where the lowest burn and deepest char occurred. Excavation of this point uncovered a butane device similar to a [REDACTED] type lighter of the type used to light fireplaces or B-B-Q's.

OFFICE OF THE CLARK COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL  
FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

96115CCC5055  
EXHIBIT # 3

COMFY CASE NO: 96003

DATE OF INCIDENT: 1/4/96

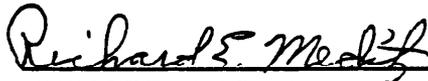
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I was unable to interview [REDACTED] (the babysitter), or the juvenile, [REDACTED] DOB 8/31/92. Both had been transported to the hospital.

Examination of the remainder of the structure showed heavy fire, smoke and heat damage. The fire had penetrated the roof, and caused heavy damage to the attic area and trusses. Ventilation openings were also cut in the roof.

The scene was photographed and I cleared at 1710 hours.

  
RICHARD E. MEDITZ  
DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL

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LEGACY HEALTH SYSTEM  
EMANUEL HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTER  
2801 N. GANTENBEIN AVENUE  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97227

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HISTORY AND PHYSICAL

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77-21-98  
4405 01  
DOB: 08/11/1925  
ADM: 01/04/96

ATTENDING  
PHYSICIAN: JOSEPH F. PULITO, M.D.

ADMISSION DIAGNOSIS: Facial burns

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:

The patient is a 70-year-old female who was involved in a house fire earlier this morning. The patient suffered minimal burns and was evaluated in the emergency department. On presentation the patient complains of a sore throat with some hoarseness. The patient also complains of facial burning and burning of the right forearm.

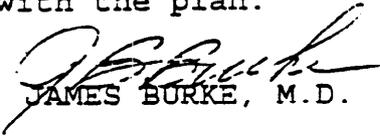
PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:

Positive for hypertension. The patient denies any significant surgical history. The patient lists ALLERGIES TO CODEINE, ASPIRIN, TOLECTIN.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

Well developed, well nourished female in no acute distress. HEENT reveals erythematous changes of the forehead, cheeks. There is singeing of the facial hair and the hair of the head. The lips are somewhat chapped and the tongue is very erythematous. On listening to the patient she is moderately hoarse. Her lungs are clear. Cardiovascular: regular rate and rhythm. Abdomen is soft, nontender. Findings of the extremities reveal them to be superficial partial thickness burns to the left forearm. There is also some splotchy superficial burns of the upper back.

While in the emergency department the patient had a blood gas drawn for methemoglobin and carboxyhemoglobin and both of these returned 0.3%. Due to the patient's hoarseness and potential for inhalation injury the patient is being admitted for observation and racemic epinephrine nebulizer treatments. Dr. Pulito is the staff and concurs with the plan.

  
JAMES BURKE, M.D.

JB /va /STAT  
D: 01/04/96  
T: 01/04/96 3:18 P  
Job#: 9370  
cc: JOSEPH F. PULITO, M.D.

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EMANUEL HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTER

EMERGENCY ROOM REPORT

MR#: 106554/77-21-98

DATE: 1/4/96

ADMITTED TO BED: 11:50

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: JOSEPH PULITO, M.D.  
ER PHYSICIAN: J. JEFFREY CAMPBELL, M.D.

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Face, back, and right arm burns.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: This is a 70-year-old woman who was baby sitting two young children, ages 3 years old and 3 months. The patient was caught in a house fire and had to rescue these two children. Apparently, the patient heard a smoke alarm and shortly thereafter noticed some smoke coming from one of the rooms of the house. The patient called the fire department and then carried both the children from the house. The patient did inhale smoke and her hair and eyebrows were singed by the heat.

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS: The review of systems is positive for hoarseness.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Past medical history is significant for severe hypertension and arthritis. The patient is allergic to Tolectin, codeine, and aspirin. The patient's medications include Verapamil, clonidine, and hydrochlorthiazide.

FAMILY HISTORY: The family history is noncontributory.

SOCIAL HISTORY: The social history is noncontributory.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: The patient is lying comfortably in the emergency department gurney. The patient's vital signs were blood pressure of 140/100. Pulse of 130. Respirations of 24. Oxygen saturations equal 98%. Head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat: The patient appeared to have partial thickness burns. No blistering of the skin was apparent. Both eyebrows and eyelashes and hair were singed. Oropharynx was notable for erythema as well as soot covering the soft palate. Voice was noticeably hoarse. No jugular venous distention was appreciated. Back and right arm also appeared to have partial thickness burns with no blistering of the skin. Cardiovascular: Heart was regular rate and rhythm with no murmurs appreciated. Respiratory examination: Lungs were clear to auscultation except for some slight crackles at both bases.

MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: The patient was discussed with and examined by Dr. Campbell, emergency department physician. The patient was seen in concert with burn resident and Dr. Pulito, the attending burn surgeon. Given the patient's history of smoke inhalation, an arterial blood gas was obtained which revealed

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carboxyhemoglobin level of 0.3%. Given the patient's hoarseness and again her history of smoke inhalation, it was decided to admit the patient onto the burn service under the care of Dr. Pulito.

DIAGNOSIS (OR IMPRESSION):

1. Facial burns, back burns, and right forearm burns.
2. Smoke inhalation.

COORDINATING CARE AND CONSULTATIONS:

1. As described above. The patient was admitted to the burn service for observation and humidified oxygen and racemic epinephrine therapy.

DD: 1/7/96 (JOB 0107)  
DT: 1/10/96/SecrePhone/20

Dictated by:  
JOHN J. MCDERMOTT M.D., RESIDENT

Physician: PULITO, JOSEPH F  
 Admitted: 01/04/96 Emanuel H&HC  
 Discharged: 01/05/96 INPATIENT  
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 Portland, Oregon 97227 (503)413-4073



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Patient: [REDACTED]  
 Med Nbr: (00010)77-21-98 Acct: 000-3213679  
 Sex: FEMALE Age: 70 YRS DOB: 11AUG25  
 Location: FINAL REPORT

**BLOOD GASES**

COLLECTION DATE: 04JAN96  
 WEEKDAY: THU  
 COLLECTION TIME: 1221

SPECIMEN TYPE	ARTERIAL	Reference	Units
pH	7.40	(7.35-7.45)	
pCO2	39	(34-46)	mmHg
pO2	123 H	(75-85)	mmHg
pCO3	24	(22-26)	mmol/l
O2 SATURATION	98	(94-99)	%
BASE EXCESS	0.1	(-3.0-3.0)	mmol/l
CARBOXY HGB	0.3 L#	(0.5-1.5)	%

04JAN96 1221 CARBOXY HGB CORRECTED FROM 1.4 ON 09JAN96 AT 1001 BY ERT608

**Footnotes**

L - Low, H - High, # - Footnote

All tests performed at Emanuel H&HC unless otherwise specified.

\*\*\* END OF CHART \*\*\*

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# Authorization to Release Medical Information to Kaiser Permanente

PATIENT	
NICKNAME / NICKNAME / OTHER	SOCIAL SECURITY
HEALTH RECORD NO. 4071-0235 Ed	
DATE OF BIRTH: (MO/DAY/YR) 8-11-25	PHONE NUMBER
STREET OR BOX NUMBER	
CITY	STATE WA ZIP 98671

I authorize Emmanuel Hosp. to release the following information for the purpose of continuing health care.  
NAME OF CLINICIAN, CLINIC OR HOSPITAL

- All pertinent medical records.
- X-ray films (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- Specific information as indicated: Re: all related records for Burns Victim on 1-04-96

Please send my medical information to:

**Kaiser Permanente, Northwest Region**  
c/o Medical Record File Services

- 1230 7th Ave., Longview, WA 98632
- 5125 Skyline Road South, Salem, OR 97306
- 12607 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98684
- 10220 S.E. Sunnyside Rd., Clackamas, OR 97015  
*(If not indicated, please send to the Sunnyside address.)*

Please send my x-ray films to:

**Kaiser Permanente, Northwest Region**  
c/o Radiology Records

Attention: Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
10220 S.E. Sunnyside Rd.  
Clackamas, OR 97015  
or  
c/o Radiology Department  
Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

X 11-20-96  
DATE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF APPLICABLE

\* I recognize that the information released may contain drug/alcohol information that is protected by federal and state law. I specifically consent to its release.

X DNA  
SIGNATURE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\* I recognize that the information released may contain information regarding sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS testing, treatment, or high risk behavior. I specifically consent to its release.

X DNA  
SIGNATURE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

I recognize that the information released may contain mental health information. I specifically consent to its release.

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X DNA  
SIGNATURE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

My consent may be revoked at any time. The only exception is when the action has already occurred as instructed in the consent. In Oregon, unless revoked earlier, this consent will expire in 4 months from the date of signing or shall remain in effect for the period reasonably needed to complete the request. In Washington, this consent will expire in 90 days.

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HR#: 8178-88-30

OUTPATIENT PROGRESS NOTES

DOB: 09/29/95      SEX: M

ENCOUNTER DATE: 01/08/96      10:01 AM

CLINICIAN  
Ronald S. Sklar, M.D.  
Northwest Region

DEPT  
VNC-PEDS

PT CATEGORY  
Health Plan member -

Reason For Visit and Comments:  
Burn - forehead

Problem List As Of Date: 1/8/96  
(None)

Visit Notes:

>> [REDACTED] 01/08/96 10:17 am  
here with mother  
360-835-5253 (home)  
house fire 1/3/96  
ck burn to forehead  
using childrens motrin and polysporin oint  
due for immunizations

Allergy Agents      Noted      Allergy Reaction  
NKA - NO KNOWN      11/9/95

Date verified: 11/9/95

Vitals: Temp 97.0 | Wt 14 lbs 6 oz (6.53 kg)

[REDACTED]      Mon Jan 8, 1996 10:17 AM

Progress Notes:

first and sec degree burn over anterior scalp from house fire on  
Thursday. no other burns . House totaled

alert, active

HEENT:-

Neck: supple



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[REDACTED] HR#: 8178-88-30 DOB: 09/29/95 (14 wks) Sex: M

Chest: Clear

CV: RRR no murmurs

Abd: Soft not tender, no masses Ext: No deformities

Neuro: good bulk, tone, reflexes.

5 x 5 cm burn

2nd deg on scalp

a: burn

P: local care  
rtc 1-2 wks

Ronald S. Sklar, M.D.

Mon Jan 8, 1996 10:33 AM

Visit Diagnosis: BURN- SECOND DEGREE [949.2]

DISPOSITION: Return Visit PRN, if symptoms worsen or fail to improve.

Level of Service: 99212003 MD EST 2 PROB FOC HX/EXAM ST FWRD DEC

\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*



## EMANUEL HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTER

## EMERGENCY ROOM REPORT

MR#: 106553/77-23-32

DATE: 1/4/96

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: KAISER

ER PHYSICIAN: [REDACTED]

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Facial burns.

**HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:** The patient is a 4-month-old white male who presents to the Emergency Department for evaluation of facial burns. Apparently there was a house fire, the grandmother grabbed the child and ran through the flames in order to escape the fire. During that time, he received some burns to his face. There was a lot of smoke in the area and the paramedics were concerned about possible inhalation. The child was crying and brought to the hospital but was given a bottle and was observed to feed normally.

**REVIEW OF SYSTEMS:** Grandmother denies the child has had any recent illness, no difficulty breathing. There were facial burns, no other apparent injury. All other systems were negative.

**PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:** Unremarkable. Grandmother believes that patient was up to date on his immunizations.

**FAMILY HISTORY:** Noncontributory.

**SOCIAL HISTORY:** Noncontributory.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** The child was awake, crying but consolable. Vital signs showed a pulse of a 140, respirations 32 and unlabored. HEENT: There were facial burns which were partial thickness and superficial in the forehead extending onto the scalp. There were a few areas on each cheek. There was a small amount of blistering over the mid forehead. Tympanic membranes were clear. Sclera were clear. There was no carbon in the nose. Oropharynx was clear without soot or carbon. Neck was supple. Breath sounds were clear throughout. Cardiovascular: Regular. Abdomen is soft, nontender. Extremities were without burns. There was no edema. The child had good motor tone and was moving all four.

**MEDICAL DECISION MAKING:** The patient is brought to the Emergency Department for evaluation of facial burns after being involved in a house fire. Because there was a lot of smoke in an enclosed space, carbon monoxide level was obtained which was in the normal range at 1.4. The child had breath sounds and was breathing normally. The patient was evaluated by the Burn Service. The

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ATTENDING PHYSICIAN:  
ER PHYSICIAN: RODNEY DODGE, M.D.

burns were all superficial with skin intact. Total body surface was approximately 3%.

DIAGNOSIS (OR IMPRESSION):

1. Partial thickness burns to the face and scalp.

COORDINATING CARE AND CONSULTATIONS:

1. The parents were advised to watch for signs of infection. They were given wound care instructions, Neosporin was applied to the wounds. They were evaluated by the Burn Service and they were advised to contact their Kaiser physician for referral to Burn Service.

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN COMPUTER-AUTHENTICATED BY  
RODNEY W. DODGE, M.D.

DD: 1/4/96 (JOB 9358)  
DT: 1/5/96/SecrePhone/03

EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN